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Mir, a disaster movie in the making

and Charles Arthur Science Editor

The three astronauts on board the holed Mir space station were ready to abandon ship last night as they struggled to restore power to its gyroscopes, to try to prevent it from spinning out of control and crashing to Earth.

However, Russian mission control denied media suggestions that the astronauts might have to blast off at 11am BST today if they cannot get power. They insisted that there is enough bottled oxygen for five more days, and that the temperature will remain high

enough to be tolerable for another two. If Mir is abandoned, and falls out of orbit, the results could be catastrophchunks of the station could survive the re-entry into the atmosphere, and

come crashing to the ground.

Mir's crew, including British-born Michael Foale, were forced vesterday morning to retreat by flashlight into the Sovice escape capsule after one of them - Russian mission control would not say which - accidentally pulled out a data cable to one of the main

That led to almost complete power loss, leaving the crew in darkness, with-out oxygen generators and unable to stored tomorrow. "We are not plan-

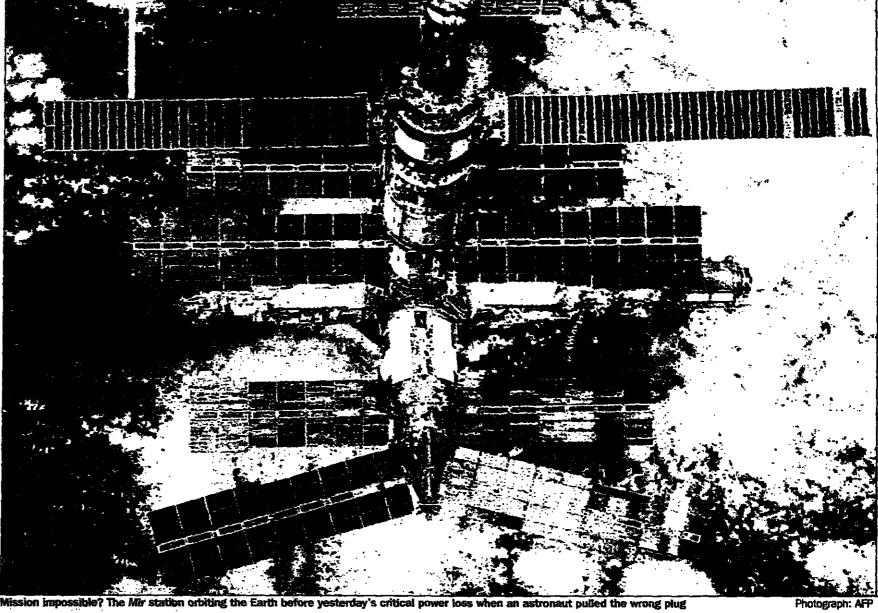
stop the 70-tonne spacecraft spinning chaotically so that its solar panels could not gather power from the Sun.

The crew is already increasingly exausted, the result of three weeks living in a spacecraft which has lost more than a third of its power, ever since a mistake while practising docking maneouvres caused a crash on 25 June that holed one of the six modules.

As the crisis broke, the tension among Russian ground controllers, who have been battling with a new problem every other day, was visible. One was heard barking instructions to the commander into a microphone: "Shut it down! Shut it Down!"

The cosmonauts did so, plunging Min into darkness for half of its 90-minute orbits - the period when it is out of view of the Sun. "This is a kindergarten," ian Mission Control director, after ending one radio conversation with Mir's стеw. Earlier he was heard demanding: "Have you switched everything off? Switch everything off on the left

By yesterday evening, officials were calmer and more confident. Mr Solovyov said Mir's orientation towards the Sun would be restored this morning and the gyrodines system, which keeps the station in the best position



ning to return the crew, we are plan- a cosmonaut dreads: fire and de- Mir to lose almost half its power. in the space walk. While he was pre- think they are in serious danger. months. Mir has had both.

But the crisis, the latest in a catalogue of blunders and breakdowns, had made its impact. New question marks now hang over the future of Mir, a station that was designed to last for five years but has now operated for 11 - not least because Russia is desperate for the US dollars that it receives for working alongside Nasa.

The American astronaut, Jerry Linenger, who recently returned from a tour on Mir. once told an interviewer there are two words that

In February, there was a serious fire on board in which one of the escape routes was blocked by molten metal. And on 25 June, the Spektr scientific module - where Mr Foale had his living quarters and laboratory - had to be hastily sealed off after a cargo drone bumped into it, punching a hole in a wall and causing the air to rush out. In the ensuing scramble, power cables running from solar arrays in the

module were disconnected, causing

week. As plans were being drawn up for a sortic into the dark, cramped Spektr to find and recon-

nect the cables. Mir's commander, Vasily Tsibliyev, began to complain of an irregular heart beat. This was not the first sign that tension was be-ginning to take its toll; officials at his Mission Control revealed he had been repeatedly complaining about overwork and tiredness.

A committee of specialists in

tionship between Princess

Charles and his mistress Camil-

la Parker Bowles is gaining mo-

mentum and could lead to a

semi-public appearance by the

couple in September. Page 3

Murder freezer style

A middle-aged California

woman was to appear in court

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Blair's campaign A secret campaign to soften up public opinion over the rela-

switched to whether Mr Foole, a 40year-old astrophysicist born in Lincolnshire, would take his place. Nasa yesterday said he could train for the mission, although it has yet to give him clearance. It is planned for 24-25 July.

While both Nasa and Moscow wonder what to do next, their critics are mustering. Professor Andre Balogh, an expert in space technology at Imperial College, London, Moscow ruled that he had ar- yesterday declared that the Mir asrhythmia and could not participate tronauts should abandon ship. "I

would give the order to evacuate.

"What is happening now is the culmination of two or three weeks' of problems. The impression I get is that it is very serious. It is like a disaster movie, but in real life ... it will almost certainly go out of control if it is abandoned

"It's big enough, there are pieces that will survive re-entry, the equivalent of two or three Skylabs | The US space station which crashed into

Australia in 19801". Catalogue of errors, page 14

Internet grinds to a costly halt

Charles Arthur Science Editor

The information superhighway turned into the information bridleway yesterday, as the after-effects of a hacking incident last week caused the network in the United States to slow almost to a crawl.

The incident was the worst crash to affect the network since 1988, but affected far more people because of the Internet's growth since then. Millions of Americans found

that, as far as the computers which operate the network were concerned, they had ceased to exist. And although the problem had begun to be cleared up by midday vesterday, the repercussions may be lasting.

volved the essential "root servers" which automatically look up millions of Internet addresses every day and convert them into machine code. Anyone trying to access a machine whose Internet address ended in .com" - the default for any American company - or ".net - the default for companies of-

fering Internet access - found their browsers and e-mail stalled. Search engines, used to look for data amidst the gigantic World Wide Web, were particularly affected. Without being able to use them to search for data, much of the information on the Internet became as useless as a jumbled dictionary. Blame at first fell on Eugene Kashpureff, the operator of an

Washington state. Last week he altered the software on the root servers belonging to Network Solutions, a privately held company based in Boston, which allocates commercial Internet names (such as "abc.com"). When users tried to access Network Solutions' systems, they would be direct-

ed to Alternic's page. But though Network Solutions said yesterday that it had solved that problem, British Internet companies said that in doing so, the company may have led to yesterday's slow-down. "I think that in rebooting their systems they screwed up," said Justin Keeney, tech-nical director of Cerbernet, a

Internet company called Alternic, based in Bremerton, The "root servers" are es-The "root servers" are essential to the Internet. They perform the same process as a directory enquiries service, but are far more essential because there are far too many machines on the Internet for any single machine to be able to list them all.

Instead, when a user enters the name of a Web site - such as "independent.co.uk" - another computer analyses the name, starting at the back. The root server would identify that address as being in the UK, and belonging to a company. It would then direct the enquire to a "name server" dealing with UK companies.

But yesterday it was suggested that Network Solutions

tems so that seven of its eight root servers were flawed. Only two other root servers, both belonging to the US military. were still working vesterday af-

Mr Kashpureff and his com-

pany, Alternic, could not be contacted yesterday: the phone had been cut off. He, however, has been a long-standing advocate of an expansion of the Internet's naming scheme so that ".com" could be replaced by a virtual infinity of names such as ".newspapers", ".sport" and so on. The US recently forced through such a move, expanding the number of possible "domains", against the wishes of European companies. It may now decide that it was premature.

vesterday charged with killing her sister, storing the dismembered body in a freezer, and successfully impersonating the

older woman for at least two The Broadsheet

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Nineties fathers grow more caring

Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

The popular image of absent fathers abandoning their children is contradicted by a new report which says nearly threequarters remain in contact, and half see their offspring at least once a weck.

The report, from the Family Policy Studies Centre. notes that modern fathers are increasingly taking the emotional side of child-rearing as seriously as the economic re-Sponsibility.

It found that a typical father in the 1990s tended to be in his 30s before he had children, lived with his biological children and was married. He was still more likely to be the main breadwinner but was spending more time on caring for his chil-

In fact, both fathers and rope.

mothers spend more time car-ing for their children than 30 years ago. While mothers still spent more time with their children, the time spent by fathers increased fourfold between

1961-1995. According to the National Childhood Development Sur-vey, 45 per cent of mothers and 50 per cent of fathers said childcare was shared equally. When both partners worked full time, nearly seven out of 10 mothers and fathers said care was shared equally.

Children and fathers watched TV together, talked as well as indulging in play and sports, as well as just "doing nothing".

Despite that, fathers remained the sole or main breadwinner in the vast majority of families, and the 45-hour average full-time week worked by British men is the longest in Eu-

Children and fathers watched TV together as well as

indulging in play and sports

Indeed, fathers of children under 11 spend even longer at work - an average of 48 hours a week, and working unsocial hours - evenings, nights and weekends - has become commonplace for many dads.

In line with changing patterns of fertility amongst women, men are also waiting longer before they become fathers. Nearly six out of 10 men in their late 20s are still childless, and nearly one in three men in their late

30s have never fathered a child. More than 80 per cent of fathers live with their biological children and seven out of 10 are doing so within their first family.

And while it has been feared that family breakdown leads to many children losing contact with the absent parent - usually the father - the report says that while one in six fathers lived apart from some or all of their children, seven in 10 had contact and about half saw their children every week

Some fathers said that they spent more time with their children after the break-up, said Ceridwen Roberts, director of the Family Policy Studies Centre: "Fathers put in more time at considerable expense to themselves. both emotional and financial. Sometimes there was more fathering after divorce, because after divorce they spent more time

with the child on their own."

The report's author, Louie Burghes, said: "This report starts to fill some glaring gaps in knowledge and understanding - for example, we did not know until now just how many men were fathers and at what ages they had children. "Even so, there is more to be

learned to remedy the marginalisation of fatherhood in policy making and bring greater coherence to policies affecting Ms Roberts added: "The debate about fatherhood and fa-

thering must not be confined to politicians, journalists and women, it is time for more men to speak up about the sort of fa-thers they would like to be and what needs to be changed." Fathers and Futherhood in Britain is published by the Fam-

ily Policy Studies Centre, 231 Baker Street, London NW1 6XE, £11.45 (inc P&P).

Man arrested after tip-off on Russell killings

A man was being questioned by police last night in connection with the killing of Lin and Megan Russell, following a tip-off from a member of the public.

Police arrested the man, in his thirties and from the Medway area of Kent, yesterday morning and are questioning him at a secret location. It is understood that the man was not a previous police suspect and that he was arrested after a tip-off which followed widespread publicity at the anniversary of the double killing. Lin. 45. and her daughter Megan, six, were bludgeoned to death as they walked along a bridleway near their home at Chillenden, near Canterbury, on 9 July last year. Megan's sister Josie, now 10, was left for dead after the hammer attack but has recovered, recently regaining her powers of speech.

A DNA sample from the new suspect, he is only the second man to be arrested is almost certain to be compared with a genetic profile obtained from a hair found at the murder scene. More than 700 people contacted the Kent incident room following a reconstruction of the murders and fresh appeals by police.

Dates set for devolution polls

The battle for the political futures of Scotland and Wales was joined yesterday with the announcement of the dates for the devolution referendums.

The Scottish vote will be held on 11 September - the 700th anniversary of William Wallace's victory over the English at Stirling Bridge. The Welsh referendum will be a week later on 18 September. Michael Ancram, the Tory Constitutional spokesman, immediately criticised the choice of dates. "What has taken the Labour Party 18 years to work out, they are expecting the Scottish people to work out in under two months," he said. The Government suffered an unexpected defeat in the Lords two weeks ago when peers voted to hold the referendums on the same day. But that defeat is expected to be overturned when the Bill comes back to the Commons.

Sting hits high note with £20m deal



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signed a £20m publishing deal, thought to be one of the biggest contracts involving a British pop artist. The former Police vocalist, now a solo artist, siened up to EMI Music Publishing for his entire back catalogue and all current and future work around the world. It is the first time the star, whose 1983 hit song "Every Breath You Take" forms the basis of the recent number one single by Puff Daddy, has signed a worldwide deal.

Wreck gives up its secrets

Fourteen historic cannon have been recovered from a wreck by treasure hunters hoping to raise gold bullion worth up to £50m, it emerged yesterday. Three of the two-ton weapons have so far been raised from the sea on to a diving rig, and the salvors believe there could be up to 50 of the weapons on the wreck of the two-masted, square-rigged Royal Mail packet ship Hanover, which sank in a storm in 1763 near Perranporth, Cornwall, en route from Portugal to Falmouth. The ship was believed to be carrying gold coins then worth £60,000. Colin Martin, 35, who conducted a 10-year hunt for the wreck, is leading the salvage team.

Tragedy of the railway children:

The number of children killed trespassing on the railways is set to soar this year, it was disclosed yesterday. In 1996, there were 19 railway deaths involving children under the age of 16. The toll for the first half of this year alone stands at 16. Raultrack, which spends £8m each year on fencing the railway, is warning millions of schoolchildren not to use the tracks as a playground during the summer holidays. Warning letters have gone out to thousands of schools and leaflets are being distributed. Aidan Nelson, lineside safety director at Railtrack, said the chances of a train stopping in time to avoid hitting a youngster on the tracks were "virtually nil".

Writer's murderer jailed for life

A robber who targeted and murdered a celebrated travel writer because he was gay was jailed for life at the Old Bailey yesterday. Robert Tewdwr Moss, 34, was found bound and gagged in his flat, in Paddington, central London, which had been ransacked. Two socks were stuffed in the author's mouth and he was left to die from suffocation. A word processor containing the final revision of his book, Cleopatra's Wedding Present: travels in Syria, was stolen, along with cash and other items. Abdul Aziz, 21, a student from Paddington, had denied murder. After the jury's verdict, Judge Michael Coombe told him: "You are guilty of a horrific murder of a defenceless man. He was abused with great brutality."

Passports set to go digital

The latest digital printing techniques are to be employed in an effort to make the British passport forgery-proof, it was announced vesterday. From the end of next year, all new passports will carry a digitalised image of the holder's face and signature.

Announcing the decision, Mike O'Brien, the Home Office minister, said it would improve passport security. "The threat to the security of the passport ... is growing," he said. The work has been contracted out to two private companies. Siemens Business Services will collect and transmit the electronic data for the passports while the privatised Stationery Office will print them. Mr O'Brien said the contracts did not mean the Passport Agency was being privatised.

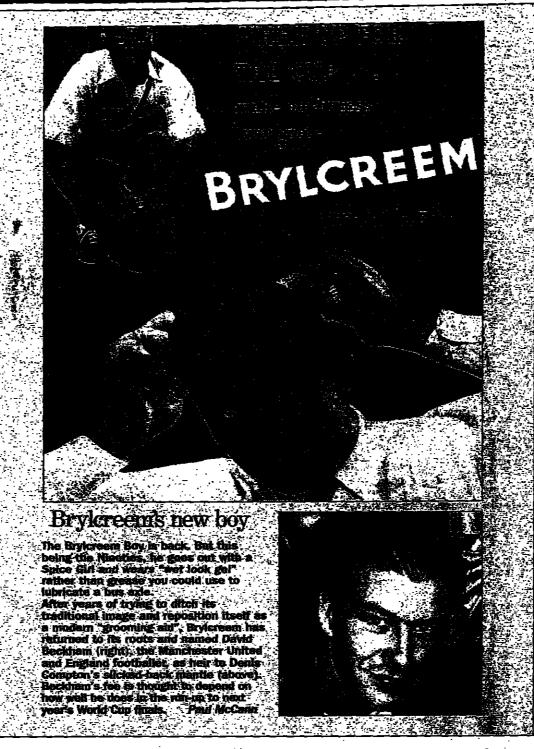
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BBC art expert cheated out of £200,000 by his best friend

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Even though Mr Flobart had repeatedly told Mr Nahum Constable, cheated from him by his best friend of 20 that his client was not interested in it. Sir Graham went

Judge Prosser said Peter Nahum had suffered the "blatant lying and devious actions" of dealer Alan Hobart, during the £6.7m sale of View on the Stour by Royal Holloway and Bedford New College in 1993.

The judge said the reason Mr Nahum was never paid his commission by Royal Holloway, part of the Univer-sity of London, was because of a "veneer of deceit" by Mr Hobart, who represented the eventual buyer of the

painting, Sir Graham Kirkham. Mr Nahum had an oral agreement with the college to find buyers for three paintings which were to be sold to raise money for restoration work. The first, a Turner was sold independently for £11m. Mr Nahum then introduced Sir Graham to the college as a potential buyer of a Gainsborough, Peasants Going to Market, which

had told the college this was "a completely separate deal", so there was no need to use Mr Nahum.

When Mr Nahum eventually discovered the buyer's identity, he invoiced the college for £196,812 commission, which it refused to pay, saying he had had nothing to do with the sale.

Mr Hobart had explained Sir Graham's change of mind by saying that he had seen the Constable again at the Tate Gallery and because the light was better, had decided to buy it.

But Judge Prosser said he "had no hesitation" in believing Mr Nahum's version of events. "I had a strong feeling throughout that Mr Nahum was an honest man, a straight-dealing and honourable man. I would not rely on Mr Hobart's word for anything in this case." Jojo Moyes

Ulster grieves for teenager shot as she slept

The funeral this morning of Bernadette Martin (right), the 18year-old Catholic woman shot dead in bed, will re-awaken the widespread feeling of revulsion across Northern Ireland that greeted her murder.

Even by the recent grim standards of the Province, the coldblooded shooting of the teenager as she lay sleeping at the home of her Protestant boyfriend has shocked many nationalists and

Although the Loyalist Volunteer Force was quick to deny responsi-bility for Tuesday's killing, police are almost certain it was a sectarian attack, possibly motivated by sheer hatred of a Catholic young

woman with a Protestant boyfnend. If the LVF's denial is to be taken at face value, it could mean the shooting was carried out by a "freelance" loyalist or group of loy-

Two men, described as local, arrested in connection with the murder were still being questioned by

police yesterday. Today's service will be held at St Anthony's Catholic church in Bernadette's home town of Craigavon, Co Armagah, where she lived on one of the mixed es-



tates in the area. A few miles away is the staunchly loyalist village of Aghalee, where the teenager had been staying with the family of he boytnend, Gordon Green.

The young couple had been up late with Gordon's sister, Wendy, and the three had fallen asleep fully clothed in an upstairs bedroom. As Bernadette and her boyfriend

slept in each other's arms, a gunman entered the house through an unlocked back door, crept up the stairs and shot her in the head four times. She died in hospital 12 hours later.

Bernadette and 19-year-old Gordon had been together for nearly a year, after meeting at the food processing company where they both worked in nearby Lur-Michael Streeter

Forbes splashes out on Churchill

The US publishing magnate Steve Forbes has splashed out on him-self and his staff for his birthday. The multi-millionaire - 50 today has given his 1,000 staff the day

off, and \$50 each to spend. And for himself? He paid £134,500 at auction yesterday for four letters written by Sir Winston Churchill to his younger brother

The letters, auctioned by Sothe by's in London, reveal Churchill's fondness for his brother ,whom he regarded as his dearest relation. They begin three weeks after the start of the First World War in

They also expose Churchill's misplaced convictions about the success of the disastrous Dardenelles campaign, which resulted in the death of 28,200 British, Australian and New Zealand soldiers.

An early candidate in last year's

US presidential elections, Forbes has a fortune of £500m and is an avid collector of Churchill memora-

■ Two working manuscripts for begging letters written by Emma. Lady Hamilton, to the Prince Regent and the Prime Minister, Lord Liverpool, asking for money in return for her services to the nation. sold for £45,500 at Sotheby's yes-Alexandra Williams

Tories dominate quangos by margin of six to one

Six times more Conservatives than Labour supporters were put in charge of quangos last year, a report revealed yesterday.
Sir Leonard Peach, the independent Commissioner for Public Standards, said as he launched his annual report that he expected the balance to swing in Labour's favour now the party was in government. He also said he planned to warn ministers against allowing their political advisers to sit on appointments panels for

This year's report, the second published by Sir Leonard, is the first to analyse the number of political appointments made to

Although only 17 per cent of chairmen and 9 per cent of board members had been political candidates or had made public speeches in support of a particular party, most of those who had done so were Tories.

Of 216 chairmen and women appointed or reappointed last year to one of 8,000 public bodies between July 1996 and March 1997, 37 were politically active. Of those, 30 were Tories, five were Labour, one was Liberal Democrat and one Plaid Cymru, None were identified as being ministerial nominations.

Only one in five of the chairmen's posts went to women, and none went to people from ethnic minorities. Fran Abrams



ARCHAEOLOGY

Stone coffin holds Roman remains A stone coffin thought to contain the remains of a high-ranking

Roman official has been unearthed on the site of a housing development in the West Country.

Archaeologists discovered the sarcophagus at Mangotsfield, near Bristol, while examining a former school playing field before the bulldozers moved in. The find is regarded as one of the most important Roman discoveries in the region

Experts from the Avon Archaeological Unit believe the skeleton, which has been nicknamed Titus, belongs to an important Roman official who was able to afford a lavish burial. They hope the find could lead them to the site of a nearby Roman vilia.

The skeleton is believed to date to between 200 and 400AD, close

to the fall of the Roman Empire. It has been taken to the Bristol Industrial Museum where bone expert Dr Geraldine Barber will carty out tests, which could include DNA profiting.

TRANSPORT

Technology puts brakes on speeders

Speeding motorists could be slowed down by on-board computers which would automatically override the driver and apply the brakes. Trials could begin next year on the M4 motorway between London and South Wales.

Roadside beacons would send radio signals to the computers of passing cars, telling them the speed limit. If the driver is speeding, the computer would apply the brakes gently but firmly. The motorist would also find that if he or she tried to exceed the speed limit, the accelerator would refuse to work.

Tests on drivers in simulators suggest that the loss of control does not anger them, according to the Institute for Transport Studies at the University of Leeds, which carried out the

Another option is for each car to carry a digital map containing information on speed limits. Data on traffic jams, poor weather conditions and even crowding from people leaving a football match could be transmitted to each car and the speed limit reduced to suit the circumstances. Alison Goddard

MONEY

Plastic taking over from paper

Paying with plastic has become so popular that spending on credit and debit cards is likely to exceed £100bn this year. Only 10 years after they were first launched, payment by debit cards accounts for almost a fifth of retail spending.

Figures from the Credit Card Research Group showed that card

spending amounted to £46bn in the first half of the year and is growing at an annual rate of 19 per cent. "These figures show credit and debit cards taking an ever larger slice," said spokesman

The acceptance of debit cards is now spreading particularly fast in repair shops, opticians and amongst tradespeople such as electricians and plumbers. In other areas their acceptance has started to reach a plateau.

EDUCATION

Extent of student debt revealed

A third of undergraduates are living in permanent debt, according to a researched published as it emerged that students are set to face £3,000 bills for tuition fees. As ministerial sources indicated the Government will accept a

recommendation to introduce tuition charges of around £1,000 a year, the new findings suggest that already only around a quarter of students have no experience of debt. Of those whose bank accounts never shifted out of the red, the

majority felt they were not adequately prepared for the financial demands of university life, the study found. Another third of undergraduates had at least some experience of

debt while at university.

The survey, by the NatWest Bank, found that students in debt often could not identify what had pushed them into the red, and many did not realise the full extent of their debt until after graduation. The tuition fees would add to average overdrafts of between £3,000 and £5,000 already experienced by students on leaving university.



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Secret strategy for Camilla to go public

Steve Boggan and Michael Streeter

A secret campaign to soften up public opinion over the relationship between Princess Charles and his mistress Camilla Parker Bowles is gaining mo-mentum and could lead to a semi-public appearance by the couple in September.

Inspired by an inner coterie

see as their inevitable marriage.

It is thought that the couple may be planning to "go public" at a fund-raising event organised by Mrs Parker Bowles and her sister, Annabel Elliot, for the National Osteoporosis Society, in an antiques warehouse in Dorset.

An example of the campaign Inspired by an inner coterie was seen yesterday with a sto-of his close friends, the subtle propaganda counter-offensive is ed for its pro-Princess Diana

the Prime Minister's Private Office is preparing contingency plans on how to deal with a decision by the couple to marry.

"I understand there is a group of well-meaning people close to the Prince ... who may be testing the water," said Harold Brooks-Baker, pubcomparisons between her aplisher of Burke's Peerage. while the Prince knew nothing of this, he did nothing to rep-rimand those involved."

ficial lobbying group, known in some circles as the Camilla Group, is fuelled by what they see as an unfair and at times vicious campaign aimed at Mrs Parker Bowles's role in the

break-up of the Prince of

Wales's marriage, and unfair

pearance and that of Diana.

file too quickly. For both groups the nightmare scenario is for the Prince and Mrs Parker Bowles to appear in public and be

The charity function at Gillingham, Dorset, on 13 September, is thought to offer a ther of Tiggy, the Wales's suitable half-way house event, where the guests are coming by However, senior courtiers invitation only into a controlled and civil servants are thought to environment. The Ostcooorobe counselling caution about sis Society said it could make no Prince's life in a ski-ing accident

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was not attending.

Nicholas Soames, the former Tory minister, is understood to be a member of the Camilia group, and a source said that other leading lights include financier Bill Legge-Bourke, faformer nanny, and Charles Palmer-Tomkinson, whose wife. Patti, was seriously injured in the avalanche that nearly took the

close friends - some going back three generations - who always felt that Charles's marriage to Diana was a mis-match," said the source. "Several months" ago, they decided enough was enough and he deserved some

last night that they were confi- meet Robin Cook, the Foreign

get together to see what they

The enthusiam of the unof- raising the couple's public pro- comment on who was, or who at Klosters in 1988. "These are would seek a marriage with Camilla. "It will have to be aster a decent interval, but it is looking pretty certain," said one former minister.

Prince Charles has held a series of meetings with ministers this week, including Gordon happiness, so they decided to Brown the Chancellor, to show support through the Prince's Irust for the Government's Former Tory ministers said- welfare to work plans. He will dent that the Prince of Wales Secretary, next Monday.

The future is born from a womb made of plastic

Charles Arthur Science Editor

first pictures of an artificial womb which has been used to bring 17-week-old goat foetuses to "birth" three weeks later.

The team at Tokyo's Juntendo University reckon that in 10 years' time, the same technology could be used to improve provide an alternative womb in the case of mothers bearing multiple foetuses.

The experiments have been in progress

that it could lead to the scenario described by Aldous Huxley in Brave New World. where millions of children are bred and the crucial stage in which the fertilised egg grows through the embryo stage.

Rather, it could eventually help premature babies, who are frequently unable to get enough oxygen into their blood besuch as that of Mandy Allwood, who last the move from animal to humans." year lost eight foetuses - it would be possible to make space in the womb by re- British doctors, but the experiment could moving some of the developing embryos. not be carried out here because it would

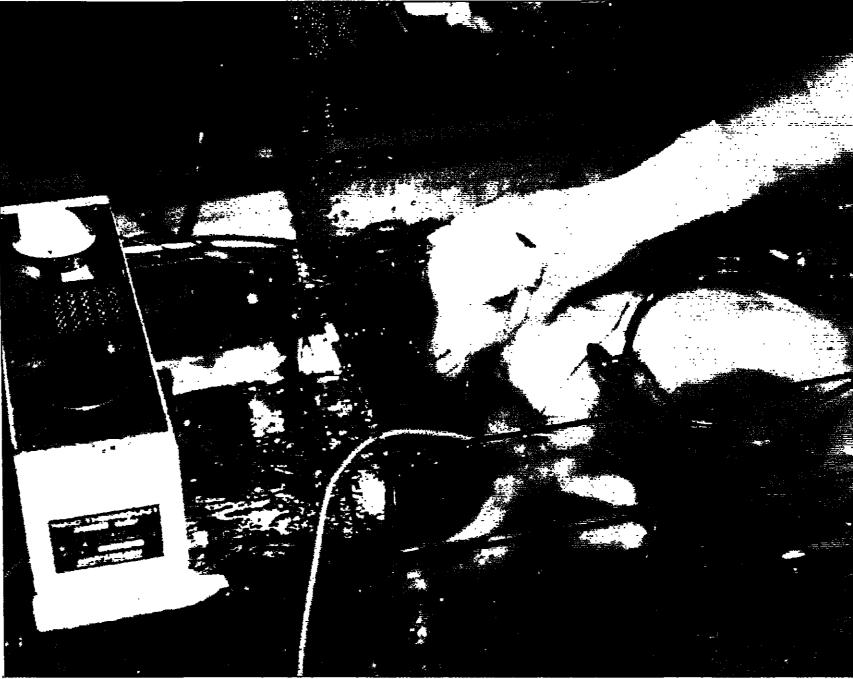
foremost fertility experts, from Ham-mersmith Hospital, London, said: "The current problem is that babies that are Japanese researchers have released the born prematurely are too immature to breathe and fend for themselves. A technique like this may well save a num-

ber of babies that would otherwise die." The team, led by Yoshinori Kuwabara, professor of obstetrics at Juntendo Uniiversity, carried out a number of trials. the survival of premature babies, and to They removed a goat embryo from its mother 17 weeks into pregnancy and then placed it in an open-topped transparent acrylic tank, filled with liquid at blood for six years, but the scientists have only temperature. This simulated the amninow decided to release more information. otic fluid in a real womb. The placenta Although some have expressed fears was replaced by a machine which pumped oxygen and nutrients into the embryo's blood.

A number of kids have been born from grow in sterile incubators, the team em- the tank. The scientists announced their phasised that their system cannot replace achievement today having kept one hand-reared goat. Kanna - meaning Flower – alive for six years.

Professor Kuwabara said: "This system should be used on behalf of the mother who cannot keep the foetus in her uterus. cause their lungs have not developed ful- If I have time and money for experiments, ly. Similarly, in multiple pregnancies - maybe within 10 years we will have made

The Japanese team was advised by Lord Robert Winston, one of Britain's have breached ethical guidelines.



Life-giver: A kid born from the artificial womb developed by Japanese scientists. The embryo was removed at 17 weeks and reared in the 'womb' Photograph: UTN

High-dose therapy gives cancer breakthrough

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Doctors have made a big advance in understanding cancer that has led to the first improvement in survival from one of the worst types of the disease for 20 years.

Researchers found that lung cancer, the commonest cause of cancer death in the Western world, which kills 40,000 peole a year in Britain, grows faster than previously thought. Giving radiotherapy three times a day instead of the conven-tional regime of once a day, in-

creases survival by 50 per cent. By giving more frequent doses of radiation, the rapidly proliferating cancer cells are killed and do not have time to re- for three-quarters of all cases of

Even a gap of 24 hours is enough to allow the lung cancer to spread. Researchers are testing the technique in other cancers to see if the same applies. Conventional radiotherapy for lung cancer involves 30 treatments given once a day from Monday to Friday over six weeks, with a total dose of 60

A trial of the new technique known as Chart (Continuous hyperfractionated accelerated radiotherapy) involved giving 36 treatments three times a day for 12 days, with no breaks at week-ends and a total dose of 54 Gray.

Gray (units of radiation).

The two techniques were compared in 560 patients with non-small-cell lung cancer, the commonest kind, accounting generate before the next dose. lung cancer, over five years.

The results, published in The Lancet, show that 29 per cent of those who had the new treatment survived two years, compared with 20 per cent of those who had the conventional treat-

Mahesh Parmar, of the Medical Research Council's Cancer Trials Office in Cambridge, which co-ordinated the study. said the technique could have been used decades ago but no one had guessed the cancer grew so fast.

"That is what the results appear to be telling us."

A similar trial of the new

technique in head and neck cancers had proved disappointing but it was now being tried in cancer of the oesophagus (guilet), where researchers are more optimistic of securing last 20 years."

good results. Studies are also being carried out with chemotherapy to shorten the period over which courses of treatment are given. Of 560 lung-cancer sufferers who started the trial, 444 have died. Ann Barrett, of the oncology centre at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and a member of the research team, said: "Survival is still low. It is not good enough, but it is an im-provement. This study has given people hope that it is worth going on trying new techniques even in a disease that is so resistant to treatment." Lesley Walker, of the Cancer Research Campaign, which part-funded the study, said: "This is the first major improvement in lung cancer survival offered by any form of radiotherapy in the

Forget novels, just write the movie

David Lister Arts News Editor

The day of the novel as draft film script has arrived with publishers reading manuscripts as screenplays rather than as literature.

Travel agent Keri Beevis, 25, who writes horror stories in her bedroom in her spare time, has just received a £750,000 advance from a publisher for Three novels - the highest advance paid in Britain for an unpublished author. But her agent, Peter Willis,

last night gave an insight into the rationale behind a particular trend of 1990s big-money advances. He said: This is not a big advance, because we are not really talking novels here. We are talking screenplays. And in Hollywood terms this isn't big money." This was endorsed up by the man who has paid the advance, Emrys Bowen, publishdirector

Huntingdon-based publishers Buckley-Bennion. "Keri writes very well for the screen," he said. "Her books are very much written in dialogue form."
Mr Bowen says he is close

to sealing a deal with a Hollywood studio for £1.5m per



book. He is also securing a deal to publish Miss Beevis in America, while publishing her here for the first time in September.

A screenplay-friendly novel leads to film rights, which in turn spur more sales of the book. The mutual trade-off between apogee in the nineties with John Grisham. All his books become films. Some 400,000 copies of a special paperback version of *The Pelican Brief* were published simply to tie in with the film release. The most celebrated British case until

novelist Nicholas Evans, given a £375,000 advance for The Horse Whisperer. Before the tale of a man who could talk to horses was even in the shops the film rights were sold to Robert Redford's production company,

publicity of a large advance and a film tie-in. Ruth Killick, spokeswoman for Dillons booksellers, said:

Hollywood Pictures, for £1.9m

Sales certainly profit from the

There's no question that we sit up and take notice when there is a story of a first-time novelist getting a huge advance. It helps sales and we will generally stock the book. Film tic-ins are increasingly vital for boosting sales."

But the tale of Keri Beevis is still likely to be the exception rather than the rule. Susan Blishen, of the Publishers' Association, said yesterday: "This sort of thing is still uncommon. book and film has reached its particularly with an unknown novelist and a small publisher. The sort of book that translates into a film is rare."

Meanwhile, Miss Beevis who was back at work at Grand UK Holidays in Norwich yesterday, was being made into a limited company by her agent.

this week was that of first-time The mood in the travel agents was remarkable, according to

He said: "It's like walking into One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest. They score Brownie points if they come up with the most macabre way to kill some It would appear Miss Bee-

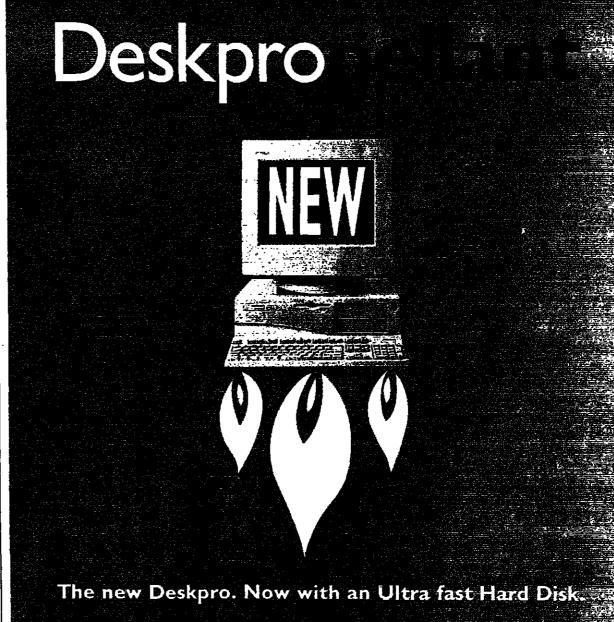
vis, who writes under the pseudonym Keri Leigh, is not in need of advice. One of her books has a mur-

der carried out with a drinking straw, though she will not reveal how before publication." A horror-story fanatic who

twice failed her English GCSE, and in fact only received one pass - in art, she wrote one of her horror trilogy in six weeks on the computer in the bedroom of her parents' house where she lives, writing only at evenings and weekends. A rather bewildered Miss

Beevis yesterday claimed to be "an everyday girl who just happens to come up with these really sick and nasty things." "My teachers at school used to despair of me.

"They could not understand why I was not writing nice stories like Jane Austen or Emily





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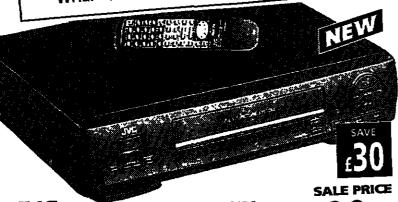
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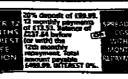
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Insurer pays cost of e-mail rumours

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

The dangers of circulating unsubstantiated rumour via email were starkly demonstrated yesterday after the Norwich Union insurance giant was forced to pay out £450,000 in

libel damages and costs.
The out-of-court settlement. thought to be unprecedented. in favour of the private medical insurers Western Provident Association could have implications for companies who are careless about the kind of information transmitted on their internal e-mail systems about competitors, clients, advisers or other commercial contacts.

There has already been an out-of-court settlement in an email case involving private individuals which has served to spotlight the risks of disseminating defamatory personal information, which would include some forms of office gossip, through the electronic medium.

While it is the same law of libel that applies to e-mails as to paper messages - essentially, publication of defamatory material to another person without the plaintiff having to prove he suffered damage - the ease of e-mail communications and their sheer multiplicity can sig-nificantly magnify the libel risk. Once untrue or unprovable rumours on an organisation's internal e-mail spill out to or are accessed by the outside world. the potential damages will be that much greater.

Western Provident had brought proceedings against Norwich Union Healthcare, part of the Norwich Union Life Insurance Company, after rumours began circulating in insurance circles in 1995.

David Engel, solicitor for Western Provident, told Mr Jus- son-pen letter.

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tice Popplewell at the High Court that the claims - that the company was insolvent, being investigated by the Department of Trade and Industry and unable to write new business - were disseminated by some Norwich Union staff via its internal e-mail system. Norwich Union now accepted there was no truth in any of the allegations.

David Sherborne, counsel for Norwich Union, said it regretted and apologised for the dissemination of the rumours. The company had made every effort to ensure that such "unacceptable practices" did not occur again and had undertaken not to repeat the allegations.

Julian Stainton, WPA's chief executive, said: "People regard electronic mail as a transient medium in that the message disappears into the ether. The reality is that everything you type and send is recorded almost for all time and is available to be reassembled at a later date by the written or spoken word."

This novel libel risk is likely

to give much food for thought in the business community. In an increasingly global economy, libel payouts through careless electronic communication could be payable in a number of different jurisdictions, depending on a country's laws.

Organisations might have sound reasons, for example. for issuing warnings or instruc-tions to staff about undertaking certain types of transaction or doing business with certain organisations. But if these can be construed as libellous, the cash register will start ringing.

The moral of the tale appears to be that in the electronic age much more care will have to be taken - in businesses and homes than in the days of the oldfashioned office memo or poi-



Fever Pitch stand saved for posterity

Louise Jury

An art deco football stand at the north London home of Arsenal was saved for posterity yesterday after Tony Banks, the soccer-mad sports and heritage minister, granted it listed status.

The East Stand at Highbury stadium - a ground immortalised in Arsenal supporter Nick Hornby's book Fever Pitch - follows Wembley and Fulham's Craven Cottage on to the protected list of football

But many fans breathed a sigh of relief when Mr Banks, a supporter of London rivals Chelsea, decided against English Heritage's recommendation to list the West Stand too.

Doing so would would have complicated Arsenal's planned expansion and, it was feared, precipitated a move from the much-loved site. Any changes to

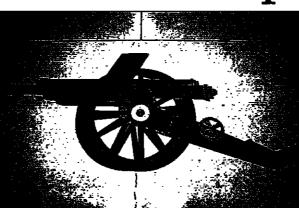
a listed building have to be agreed with the local authority to ensure that the features are preserved.

comed by Simon Inglis, author of The Football Grounds of Britain. He said both stands would have been listed in an ideal world, but saving the East Stand was logical and sensible. "The West Stand is the older

The compromise was wel-

of the two and set the tone, but the stand itself is fairly rudimentary. If its demolition is the price that Arsenal pay for remaining at Highbury then I think, reluctantly, it's a price worth paying," he said.
"Highbury is one of the finest traditional football stadiums in the world and Arsenal have done a great deal to preserve that spirit. It really is the Lords of the football world. It is an institution."

A spokeswoman for Islington Council, in whose borough the stadium lies, said the club had



Badge of distinction: The Gunners' logo adorns the stand

Listing the East Stand did not seriously affect the guidance it was drawing up on the feasibility of a planning application as the

approached it earlier this year about possible expansion. If Mr Banks – whose duties include making the final decision on English Heritage's listing recommendations - had granted this listed status, it might have West Stand is regarded as the proved an insuperable problem

for the club. But any develop-ment will still face opposition from residents whose bomes might be affected. Councillors met last night to discuss a draft

planning brief. Highbury is regularly packed to its 38,200 capacity. It is understood that it would like to be able to take another 10.000. An Arsenal spokeswoman said the club had no formal plans. But she added; "You only have to look at the stand we put up at the north end to see we took great pains to fit it in with the art deco. We're proud of the way the stadium looks and are looking to enhance it."

An English Heritage spokeswoman said the two stands should be considered for listing together. But she said: "We recognise that the East Stand is the more architecturally distinguished of the two and we're re-ally glad it has been listed ..."

Court quashes teenage murder verdict

Patricia Wynn Davies

A teenager jailed for murdering a policeman when he was 100 yards away walked free yesterday after a "joint enterprise" murder conviction was over-

turned by the House of Lords. Philip English, now 19, had been convicted of stabbing Sergeant Bill Forth to death in Gateshead even though he had been chased away by police, was

under arrest and in handcuffs. While the five law lords will give the reasons for the land-mark ruling at a later date, it is believed the case will set new parameters for the law of "joint enterprise", which saw Derek Bentley executed in 1953 for the murder of a policeman carried out by someone else. But while Bendey - whose family's posthumous bid to clear his name is with the Criminal Cases Review Commission - cried out "let him have it" to his accomplice, Philip English was not even in sight of

The fatal stabbing was carried out by Paul Weddle, then aged 25, after Sgt Forth was called to an incident at the home of Weddle's former girlfriend. The court heard Weddle and Mr English, then a 15-year-old schoolboy, set about the sergeant with pieces of fencing. After Mr English ran off and was caught around the corner. Weddle produced a small knife and stabbed Sgt Forth to death.

Mr English said at his trial in 1994 that he did not know Weddle had a knife and had never intended that Sgt Forth should suffer serious harm. He was convicted of murder on a 10-2 majority. The prosecution argued that even if he did run off, English remained a party to the agreement to the attack and was liable for what Weddle did.

The teenager's relieved step-mother, Mandy English, said: "Thank God common sense has applied today.

But Sgt Forth's widow. Gill Merrin, said: "I feel that Bill has been let down by the British justice system.

Adrian Clarke, Mr English's solicitor, called for a clarifica-

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Brown

picks at old Tory

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Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Gordon Brown yesterday threw open the debate about the sin-

gie European currency with a strong attack on Conservative

policies of dogma and prejudice, which he ridiculed as "the Tory

ideas of a greater Guernsey By picking at the Tory wounds over Europe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer was able

to portray its leadership as anti-

business - while embarrassing

moderate members of the par-

Mr Brown said that the new

line taken by William Hague, re-

pend on the single market ...

Having rejected the negative Tory stance, Mr Brown said that

the country required construc-

tive engagement with Europe.

and the biggest challenge to be faced was that of the single cur-

The Chancellor recited the

nothing has been ruled out,

there are formidable obstacles

rejected.

The affairs of the Conservative Party may lately have come to resemble the Palace of Varieties, but few acts could ever top Kelvin at the Carlton Club.

Kelvin Mackenzie, the legendary former editor of the Sun, who delivered the blue-collar vote to the Tories at successive elections, was appearing last night at the watering hole of high Toryism to tell the party "how they mismanaged media relations of the last election".

The Cariton was the venue of a Bow Group seminar on how William Hague can win back the right-wing press.
Sharing the platform with Mr

MacKenzie, managing direc-tor of Live TV, were John Sopel from the BBC, and communi-cations chiefs from Smith Square. The right-wing ideo-logue Michael Gove, the biographer of Michael Portillo, was

Times have changed. Mr MacKenzie's former organ loudly supported Blairism at the last election after Rupert Murdoch's seeming conversion to New Labour, and officials at Conservative Central Office

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now privately acknowledge that they had been out-manoeuvred and outgunned by Labour.

Mr Mackenzie set the theme for his analysis of the problem in an article appearing in the Spectator today. He recounts being present at the salient moment when John Major went completely off his trolley". and why his critics are dimwits."

He recalls: "It was an autumn morning and I had been summoned to Number 10. In a bizarre nitual, tabloid editors are often invited to Downing Street to enjoy briefings by the Prime Minister. It normally boils down to him (or her) explaining in some detail why he is a genius

Mr MacKenzie' soon realised that "this day was different". He said: "Suddenly, he began to rant against the press. The standards journalism, he opined, were in the gutter. This rather pleased me, as I had always taken some pride in being in the gutter.

It was not that the Prime Min-"Stories were untrue or unpleasant, or both, our esteemed

ister found page-three topless girls offensive. Mr MacKenzie realised, but a story by the pa-per's political editor saying that the pressure of office was turn-

der the table.

leader maintained. Then he

produced a page three of the Sun - which he had hidden un-

ing Mr Major's grey hair white.
"Mr Major said to me 'it's this kind of rubbish that gives the press a bad name. I'm sick of it, bloody sick of it.' He then bowed his head, pointed his finger at his hair and said: For God's sake, Kelvin, look at my hair: is there any white there?

"To my eternal shame, and despite looking at Mr Major's snowy thatch, I lied and indicated that the strain of being the Sun's political guru was clearly getting to our Trevor [Kavanagh, political editor]. It is easy to criticise my lack of resolve, but he was the Prime Minister and I was a tabloid tosspot. If it had been a scene from Yes, Prime Minister, it would have been hilarious. But it wasn't, and it was quite clear he had gone

Mr MacKenzie decided that It was also the moment, I believe, that he began losing the support of the press."
The Prime Minister was suf-

fering from paranoia because he failed to realise that journalists were not extensions of the Number 10 press office, and also because he revealed that stories, and criticism, were getting to him.

Mr MacKenzie said: "So how can the Conservative Party reis slowly - very slowly."

But he added that British industry would be affected whether or not Britain joined the euro, and he pointed to the significant advantages of a single currency in a fully-developed single market - the elimination of exchange rate risk, more transparent pricing, a reduction of transaction costs, and lower long-term interest rates, which, in turn, would promote investment, growth and jobs.

However, Mr Brown said a hard-headed assessment would be required of Britain's national economic interest.

ty, who would endorse much of That meant a judgement Mr Brown's argument for an open approach to the euro. would have to be taken on the basis of certain tests: would membership improve long-term investment; what would be the jecting a single currency under his leadership, while calling for impact on financial services; would economic structures be a referendum on the Treaty of compatible with the constraints Amsterdam, represented a new of permanent membership; and would there be sufficient, inbuilt

"Today," he said, "The Conflexibility to take any strains? Mr Brown said his "bottom servative Party are repeating the Labour mistakes of 1983. Then, it was suggested by the CBI that line" was whether membership would promote higher growth, Labour's policy of disengage-ment put 2.5 million jobs at risk. stability and a lasting increase in jobs. But he added: "Our con-That was when 44 per cent cern about the single currency of our exports went to EU has always been that Britain members. Now it is 58 per cent should only join if the economic of our trade, and, by the same logic, nearer 3.5 million jobs deconditions are right, not on the basis of a timetable that has

"The idea that we could be-He said that "when" the time come a Hong Kong of Europe came to make a decision - the as a trading post or as a tax word "if" was not used ~ it would haven servicing major trading blocs - the Tory idea of a be reached in the British way, coolly, and the people would be greater Guernsey - only needs a minute's consideration to be consulted by referendum.

"To make the right decision for Britain," Mr Brown said, "we need an open and intelligent debate. Until now, the debate on our economic role in Europe, and especially Economic and Monetary Union, has been dominated by extreme views on either side. Dogma Treasury mantra, "that while competing to be heard above prejudice. This is not the way to protect and forward British

Donald Macintyre, page 21

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Fury over new plans to restrict firearms

Crime Correspondent

The firearms lobby reacted with

fury yesterday at the disclosure that the Government was preparing to consider new restrictions on the use of rifles, shot-

gins and air weapons.
Shooting enthusiasts announced that they planned to hold a protest rally in London

at the end of September.

As The Independent reported yesterday, a fresh review of the firearms laws will be launched next year. The Home Office is likely to back a minimum 18 year age-limit for shotguns and tighter licensing; the banning of most powerful rifles; and a licensing or age restriction for ownership of air guns.

The issue is expected to be reopened after the legislation on handguns has been completed in Parliament and an estimated 200,000 revolvers have been handed in and destroyed.

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation, which has more than 114,000 members, said it would "fight proposals including tighter age restrictions for young people us-ing firearms and a licensing for air weapons".
Bill Harriman, head of fire-

arms for the BASC, said: "These proposed restrictions are being justified by using alarmist tactics. The public should be reassured that there are already stringent

"The Government should look at the real, but much more difficult, problem of the criminal use of firearms."

He argued that it was unnecessary to set an age limit on shotgun use - at present there is no age restriction and children as young as 12 use guns - because strict safety checks are already in place. An estimated 1,760 shotgun certificates have been issued to people aged un-der 17, he added.

"It is in the interest of safe ty that a young person should be properly taught at a relatively early age," he said. On the question of restrict-

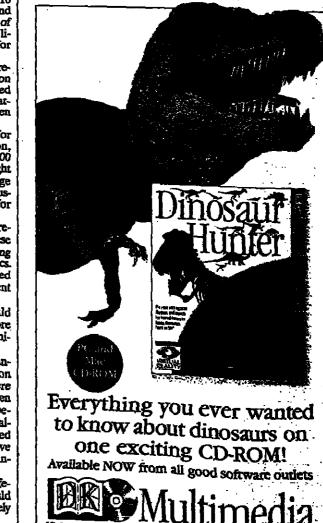
ing rifle use, he argued that it

the countryside. Mike Yardley, spokesman for the Sportsman's Association, which has 40,000 members, said yesterday that his organisation will be organising a protest meeting in London. He said: We have decided this in the past few days - it appears there's political capital to be made out of further attacks against shoot-

ing sports. We want to show our opposition to this."
Since the Dunblane massacre, there has been raised con-

would harm the management of cern about the availability of all firearms and their control. There are 1.4 million licensed shotguns held in England and Wales, 200,000 licensed rifles and an estimated three million

air weapons. In 1995, there were a record 7,549 offences caused with air guns, in which about a fifth resulted in injury. Most of the other cases involved vandalism. There were 943 crimes involving shotguns in 1995, in which 12 per cent caused injury, and 50 offences involving rifles.



been set politically."

Pensions review raises spectre of cuts

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

An official review of pensions provision was set up yesterday by Harriet Harman, Secretary of State for Social Security, to explore the problems that persist despite annual public-pri-

vate contributions worth £60bn. The review would cover "all aspects of the basic pension and its value and second pensions. its value and second pensions, including the State Earnings Reden to be carried by individuals.

lated Pension [SERPS]; to build a sustainable consensus for the long-term future of pensions; and to publish the Government's proposals for further consultation in the first part of

Wth the State pensions bill now at £33.5bn, excluding ben-

One of the challenges set by Ms Harman included the need for agreement on "where the responsibility for funding pensions should lie, and to establish the right balance between the public and private sectors."

In parallel work, the Goverament is developing proposefits like income support, there als on its manifesto plans for the is a natural suspicion that the unis a natural suspicion that the un-spoken agenda is a search for establishment of "a new framework of good-value second pensions schemes - 'stakeholder

pensions' - to meet the needs of those on low or modest incomes or with changing patterns of employment, and how new partnerships between the pensions industry, employers and employees might be developed".

Excessive charges and the poor value of existing personal pensions provision for the low -paid - especially women - has been a long-standing crusade. in opposition, of John Denham, the new pensions minister.

But if a successful "stakeholder pension" can be established it could provide a competitive incentive for existing pension providers to improve their service.

Ms Harman said yesterday: "The failure over the last two decades to develop an adequate pensions strategy has re-sulted in widening inequalities among pensioners. Too many of our older citizens do not enjoy security in retirement."

Peter Lilley, the shadow Chancellor, dismissed the exercise, saying: "It's really an attempt to obscure the fact that they've just imposed a £5bn tax on pension funds, and a government which does that is clearly not serious about en-

couraging people to save and invest for the future." Stephen Webb, the Liberal Democrats' welfare spokesman in the Commons, said the yardstick had to be pensioner pover-

ty. "Around one million pension-ers are currently missing out on the Income Support to which they are entitled," Professor Webb said. "Over half a billion pounds goes unclaimed every year. If this review is to achieve anything, Labour must find a way to get more money now to Britain's poorest pensioners.

Ms Harman said she wanted the review to address a series of "fundamental challenges". It would be required to

a response to demographic change; and a reflection of social and labour market change. with the chance for part-time workers, contract workers, wemen and the self-employed in

build up better pensions. Ms Harman also wanted people to have a better financial education, so they could make more informed choices, and to narrow the gap between provi-

Secret talks plot changes for Commons

Anthony Bevins and Colin Brown

A protest about the secrecy surrounding a Government project to "modernise" the workings of the House of Commons was made yesterday, raising fears that ministers are seeking to take over more control.

Richard Shepherd, the Conservative MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, complained to the Leader of the House, Ann Taylor, about secret meetings of the cross-party modernisation committee over recent weeks.

Mrs Taylor said the committee, which she chairs, was meeting in secret "because that is what the House decided". She said it was still deliberating, but it is understood its draft report is being finalised and expected to be published before the recess of Parliament in a formight.

The report will herald a wide range of far-reaching changes to the way the Commons operates, which could be approved for the next session of Parliament. The main change is likely to

be the timetabling of all Government bills, ending the use of filibustering as a tactic to try to delay Government legislation. Supporters argue it will mean MPs will have more orderly de-

bates, with an end to all-night sessions. Tory MPs are ready to agree to timetabling, but were said to be digging in their heels over a demand that the committee stage of all constitutional Bills will be taken on the floor of the Commons.

One senior Tory source said: "It's non-negotiable." But MPs privately said they expected the report to go ahead next week, for a debate and vote in the autumn

There were also claims that the Labour leadership could use a change of voting system for European elections to weed out troublesome left wing Labour MEPs.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, announced proportional representation would be introduced for the European elections in 1999 by the regional list system, allowing the party more control over which candidates go forward to the European Parliament. A Bill will be introduced later this session.

The introduction of PR would mean minor parties could expect to win seats if they get more than about 10 per cent of the votes. Ministers said the Green Party would have secured a seat, if PR had been in place



River runs through it: Tom Hackett's Vertical River - created from 288 test tubes filled with Severn water - on show at Worcester City Museum as part of Gallery Week 1997, launched today by Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Photograph: Brian Hams

Tories back London mayor

Colin Brows Chief Political Correspondent

The Conservatives made a U-turn last night to support the idea of a Mayor for London, but they rejected the Government's proposal for an elected assembly for the capital with strate-

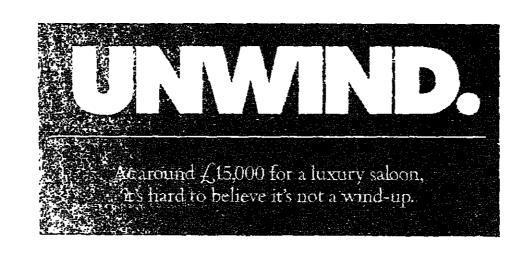
Sir Norman Fowler, the Opposition spokesman on the en-vironment including London, said an elected mayor - a Labour manifesto commitment - would give the capital a voice and spearhead efforts to secure inward investment and eco-

nomic regeneration. Nick Raynsford, the minister for London, said: "It is ironic that the party which abolished the GLC [Greater London Council 11 years ago should now belatedly recognise that

they made a mistake."
Defending the U-turn Sir
Norman said: "We have listened to what the public are saying. The case for a voice for London is a case which in my view has been proved. Policies evolve."

The Tories will support an elected Mayor for London in the referendum to take place next year but they would urge a vote against the assembly.

The Government's Green Paper on the mayor and elected assembly will be published within the next fortnight.



US-style public defenders set for Britain

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

A controversial American-style "public defender" system is to be tried out in the United Kingdom for the first time as part of a shake-up of the legal aid scheme in Scotland.

Henry McLeish, the Scottish home affairs minister, said the system, under which an accused is advised and repre-

ployed by the public sector, would be piloted next year. In a further attempt to cut Scotland's £133.6m legal aid bill,

all solicitors providing criminal legal aid will have to register with the Scottish Legal Aid Board and abide by its code of practice. The number of solicitors' firms in the public defender

pilot will be restricted to six and

years, after which the powers Middleton, the former Treasury Prosecution Service. There are would lapse without fresh leg-mandarin, in his review of the also fears about under-funding would lapse without fresh leg-islation. But the development is being widely seen as a precursor to the introduction of the system nationwide.

For the past 12 months, the Lord Chancellor's Department has been considering whether to import the idea to England and Wales, and its potential ad-

£1.6bn legal aid budget.

At present, accused people on legal aid choose their own lawyers from firms in private practice. Lawyers both sides of the border have largely opposed any change, saying a public defender system would usher in a second-rate service staffed by second-rate service staffed by and the poor being dumped lawyers who could not get jobs with a public defender. We

and the risk that lawyers would be pressurised to extract guilty

pleas to save trial costs. Cameron Pyle, of Ross Harper & Murphy, a leading Glasgow firm, said: "We are going to have a two-tier system, with the rich choosing their lawyer vantages and savings are cur-rently being studied by Sir Peter in private practice or the Crown should look at administration solicitor chosen by an accused

costs and that in turn would bring the bill down."

But the Law Society of Scotland appeared to concede defeat yesterday. "We have made plain our concerns," John Elliot, the president, said. However, we are committed to making sure that the public defender experiment is a fair one and to monitoring the results. The Law Society believes that a schemes in other jurisdictions

person provides the best means of representation."

One of the most bizarre examples of the pressures facing US
public defenders came in the case
of Richard Teisser, a public defender who successfully sued himself, demanding that a judge declare his work inadequate and order the state of Louisiana to provide more resources. But appear to have fared better.

Science sheds light on watery Sun

Charles Arthur Science Editor

There is no water on the Moon. scientists have decided - but there is on the Sun. New studics by a team of researchers in Britain, Canada and the US have found that sunspots, patches on the solar surface which are darker than the rest, actually contain water – albeit at the extremely high temperature of 3000C.

Sunspots are often described as "storms" on the Sun, though astronomers are puzzled as to their exact nature. They have been observed since medieval times, and some people have suggested that their appear-ance can affect the Earth's weather.
Water could only be identi-

fied on the Sun after supercomputers were used to model the behaviour of the substance at very high temperatures.

Spectrometers pointed at the Sun - which monitor the elecour - which monitor the elec-tromagnetic radiation given off by atomic bonds as they vibrate - give results identical to those predicted by the computer models, showing that water molecules are present in sunspot areas.

Though the stellar surface is normally far too hot for any molecules to be created, the team realised that it would be possible for hydrogen and oxygen to come together in sunspots, which are thousands of degrees cooler than the rest of the surface, to form molecules of water.

The latest finding could actually be useful for more earthbound pursuits. The researchers who made the discovery think that the same technique that they developed could be used to detect forest fires - because the water boiling off from the burning leaves would have a similar radio sig-nature to that found emitted from the sunspots.

the study may only last for five Extremists use Internet to spread anti-Semitism

Kathy Marks

Extremist groups are turning to new methods of spreading anti-Semitic propaganda, such as the Internet, in order to sanitise it and avoid legal obstacles, according to a survey published today.

The report on global anti-Semitism, by the London-based Institute for Jewish Policy Research, also voices concern about the electoral success of far-right political parties such as the National Front in France and Austria's Freedom Party.

However, it says that overall, incidents of hostility and violence towards Jews continued to decline worldwide in 1996, reversing an upsurge in the late 1980s.

Antony Lerman, director of the institute, said yesterday: "Contemporary anti-Semitism, despite its occasionally violent form and its deeply unpleasant nature, poses little threat to Jewish existence. It is clear that anti-Semitism does not resonate with significant sections of the public in the way that it once did, and that it cannot be used to mobilise anything other than small,

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Militant action against Jews by Islamic communities in a number of countries, including Britain, is an area highlighted by the report. In Britain, decisive action by police has led to a fall in the number of the anti-Semitic incidents for the third

consecutive year, it says. Mr Lerman said new ways were being found of "packag-ing" and disseminating anti-Jewish sentiment; dressing it up as opposition to Zionism, for instance, or disguising it as pseu-do-academic debate in the form of Holocaust denial. This is because extremists are finding that they cannot get their message across in the traditional forms," he said.

The report, produced jointly with the American Jewish Committee, says the Internet is a growth area for the publication of neo-Nazi material. But this is counterbalanced by the large number of anti-racist Web sites.

The zeal with which racists have embraced the Internet has also facilitated the task of monitoring them, according to the survey. Outlining other de-



Timely reminder: Herbert Levy with items from the Anne Frank exhibition which runs at Stables Market, Camden Lock, London, until 28 August Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

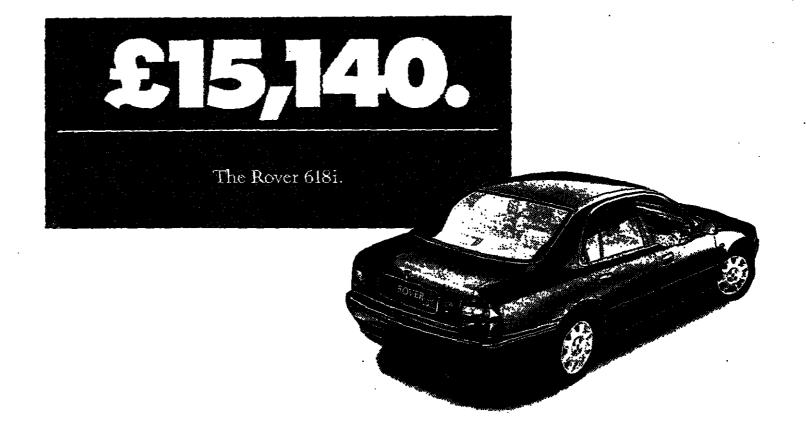
there was an anti-Jewish back-lash in response to allegations great as had been feared. form of attacks on people and property, and a greater inciabout the conduct of Swiss authorities in relation to gold expropriated from Jews by the

In the 60 countries where anti-Semitism is monitored, the number of incidents fell in 1996, Nazis and deposited in Swiss except in Australia. In general, banks. However, the level of there was less violence in the

property, and a greater inci-dence of verbal threats and anti-Jewish graffiti. This, says the report, was a reversal of the situation a few years ago, and partly the result of improved on the list of propaganda targets,

policing. Among politicians such as Jean Marie Le-Pen, it says anti-Semitism has been displaced by other forms of racism with more populist appeal.

and are simply one element of a zenophobic world view." The report says the trends identified in 1996 tend to be "specific problems occurring in a climate in



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Teenage 'alcocops' shops

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

Teenage "alcocops" are to be deployed as undercover detectives to help catch shopkeepers selling alcohol to under-age

The initiative is part of a package of measures aimed at curbing the sale of alcopops to youngsters and includes new powers for the police to confiscate alcohol from under-18s drinking in public.

It will also become an offence for adults to buy alcohol from a shop or off-licence for an unsupervised youngster.

But the Government has drawn back from banning alcoholic lemonades such as Hooch and Two Dogs, preferring instead to give the brewers and shopkeepers a final chance to curb under-age drinking. A ministerial team yesterday

backed a revised code of conduct for retailers and drinks makers drawn up by the Port-man Group, the drinks industry's self-regulating watchdog. Under the terms of the new

code retailers will be urged not to stock alcopops or any other alcoholic drinks deemed to be targeted at under-18s. The group has also pledged

to expand its ID cards and encourage retailers to insist they be shown at shop tills, although there are doubts that such a voluntary system will work.

The code will also require manufacturers to have their products vetted by its complaints panel before they are

George Howarth, Home Office minister, criticised alcopop makers yesterday, saying: "It's a cynical attempt to snare people are a very early age" which could lead to a life of crime.

The joint initiative follows a chorus of complaints about the packaging and advertising of the fruit-flavoured alcoholic drinks

which have become popular

with under-age drinkers. The main measures announced by the Government are an expansion of the use of teenage "spies", often children of police and trading standards officers, who are used to test whether shopkeepers are breaking the law. At present, the police and trading standards have been reluctant to use this technique very often because of uncertainty about whether it could be challenged in the courts. The Government plans to introduce legislation to clarify the position.

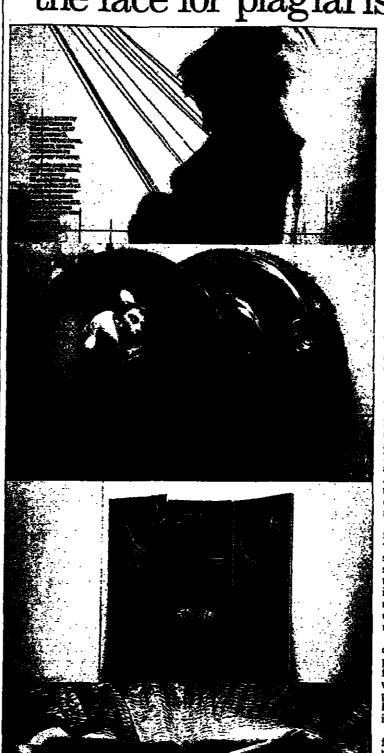
The second initiative is the implementation of police powers to confiscate alcohol from under-18s caught drinking in public. The measure, already on the statute book from the last government, should be in use by early next month.

In a third change, it will be-come illegal for adults to buy alcohol for youngsters - already an offence in Scotland. However. Mr Howarth added: "We are not trying to stop parents who want to give their children a glass of beer or wine with a

The Magistrates' Association is backing the initiative and urging licensing authorities to take into account whether a retailer has followed the code of conduct when deciding whether to renew his licence.

But Alcohol Concern campaigners said they are worried the measures do not go far enough. Its director, Eric Appleby, said: "They will do little to discourage rogue manufac turers from launching products in which they have i millions of pounds."

Spot the difference: Hollywood director gets a slap in the face for plagiarising a top British photographer



The original: Sean Ellis' fashion shoot, Clinic, published in The Face

Media Correspondent

The director of swing group En Vogue's latest video has had to apologise and offer compensation to one of British fashion's hottest photographers for stealing the idea for the video from a shoot in The Face magazine.

Matthew Rolston, one of Hollywood's most established celebrity photographers, has admitted "borrowing too heavily" from a series of gothic fashion

photographs by Scan Ellis.

The plagiarised images were from a shoot entitled "Clinic" that appeared in style bible The Face earlier this year and were then used in En Vogue's video for its single "Whatever". "There is a difference between reference and rip-off," said Mr Ellis, 26, yesterday, "And this is a clear case of a rip off."

After being threatened with court action for breach of copyright, Mr Rolston has agreed to settle out of court and pay Mr Ellis the equivalent of a day's shooting fee in exchange for using the images. Photographers at Mr Ellis' level can earn £20,000 a day.

En Vogue's record company, Elektra, told The Face it was unhappy about the dispute and advised Mr Rolston to talk to Mr Ellis' lawyers. Elektra has now been advised not to talk about the case. And Mr Rolston's lawyers are trying to make the payment to Mr Ellis dependent on him keeping quiet about the plagiarism.

But the photographer was forthright in defending his copyright. "A lot of people get ripped off," he said. "Young talent get their ideas stolen by established talent who are too busy to come up with their own ideas. I thought I was in a position now to do something about it. I don't think Matthew Rolston realised how established I was."

Sean Ellis has been credited with creating a "gothic" style of photography that has moved the fashion world on from its obsession with the so-called "heroin chic" of pale emaciated models, Instead, Mr Ellis uses rich textures with dark images to create a "filmic" style.

"Many directors are influenced by fashion photographers," he added. You sometimes see a clever reference to your work that takes the idea and pushes it on further and improves it. It is quite different to just copy directly."

Matthew Rolston made his name

as a photographer in Hollywood and became known as one of an élite of "superphotographers" who can command high fees and who are in demand by the stars.



The copy: Stills from En Vogue's video, directed by Matthew Rolston

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The women behind bars who could go free

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

Seven out of 10 women inmates do not need to be kept behind bars as they pose no security risk, the Chief Inspector of Prisons suggested vesterday in a critical report on conditions

for women in jail. Sir David Ramsbotham made 160 recommendations in

Prisons to oversee fundamental changes to treatment of female inmates.

The Inspectorate's report, Women In Prison, said the current system fails to recognise that female offenders have different needs to males.

Among the findings was that only about 30 per cent of the

his review and repeated his current 2,700 women immates in call for a Director of Women's England and Wales needed to be in closed prisons because they posed a security risk.

Of the remaining 70 per cent Sir David said: "They don't pose a security risk which says they must be in prison. There may well be some for whom another form of sentencing may well be more appropriate."

Sir David suggested the

Prison Service consider building low-security tower block jails to house women in urban areas - an idea rejected by prison officials yesterday.

The need for secure surroundings for some women was illustrated by the news yester-day that a 20-year-old woman inmate who was nine months pregnant had escaped from a maternity hospital and gone

on the run. Rosemary Doher-remand awaiting trial, when for women prisoners with chil-ty, had been on remand at only 34 per cent went on to re-Brockhill prison in Worcester-ceive custodial sentences, comshire on a charge of robbery since May but had been trans ferred to a nearby hospital when she was due to give birth. She had not been under prison

Sir David's report expressed particular concern over the number of women prisoners on

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pared with 47 per cent of men. Joyce Quin, the Prisons minister, accepted that there was need to reduce the number of women on remand and to speed

guard or police supervision. up the process. The decision to review of provision for women prisoners

had been prompted by conditions at Holloway jail in London which triggered a walk-out by in-spectors in 1995. The female twice the rate of men.

prison population has risen by 6 percent in the last four years The condition and facilities

illegal drugs.
Among the recommendations was a call for improved

techniques for strip-searching inmates for drugs, a process which some may associate with previous sexual abuse. Richard Tilt, the Prison Ser-

for women prisoners with chil-

nearly two-thirds of women

interviewed were mothers with

on average three children each.

although one had 14 children.

they had been physically or sexually abused previously and

two-thirds reported having used

Nearly half the women said

vice director general, welcomed the report and said that steps were already under way to implement some of the report's recommendations.

Paul Cavadino, the principal officer of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said: " For decades women's prisons have been treated as an afterthought tacked on to the needs of men." ■ More than half the inmates in some male open young offender institutes are being tested positively for drug-taking, a Home Office study showed yesterday. The average for all jails was 38 per cent.

"I'm doing education in busi-

ness studies course," she says.

"The teachers are great, so

even if someone winds me up

I can go up there. When I get

out I'm definitely going to use

it. My sister runs a business but she's useless at the books so I'm MIL

'Grandma says only bad people go to prison'

away her plate of chips and beans and stares through the grilled window.

"I called my kids the other day and my son said: 'Mummy, who have you killed?' I said. what do you mean? He said, well, Grandma says you gone to prison and only bad people blinks hard. "I had to tell him to ask Grandma because I

didn't have time to explain." It is hard to tell a six-year-old why you can't come home when you only have one phonecard a week. Even harder if, like Debbie, your children are living with your mother in Jamaica, writes

"I write to them a lot," she ternational phone call once a

fers from high blood pressure. When I called and told her what had happened she was admit-ted to hospital."

Debbie is serving 21 months at Winchester Prison for attempting to smuggle drugs. She helps make up the two thirds of women prisoners who, says the going to help her." ers. Her children, like 75 per cent of inmates' offspring, do not live with their father. According to Debbie, the

worst thing about prison is the separation from her family. Like a growing number of other inmates, who are also convicted drug smugglers, she can expect no visits. Her whole life is based around the two letters says. "I can also make an in- a week she receives from Jamaica and the classes she is tak-

She gets out next December and will be deported. In one respect, this makes her lucky: she can just tell friends and colleagues that she has been in England, thus escaping the stigma that the women say attaches itself disproportionately to the female convict.

"I'm not going to tell anyone," says Debbie. "A man comes out of prison and suddenly he's a don. A woman comes out and no one wants to





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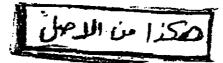
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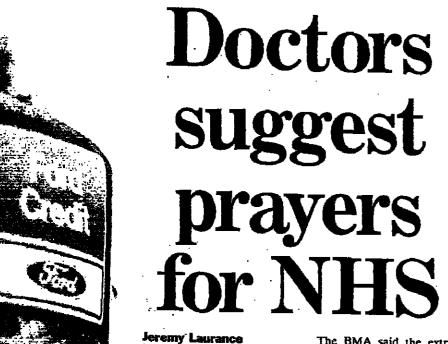
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Prayers and good weather are all that can prevent a crisis in Britain's hospitals this winter unless the Government provides an immediate injection of cash, doctors' leaders warned yes-

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, urged patients to pray for fine weather as the National Audit Office released figures showing more than one in three NHS trusts was in financial difficulty last December, and one in ten faced serious problems.

Yesterday the Government named the affected trusts and said the number facing problems had risen since December. NHS trusts in serious difficulty, defined as those failing to meet financial targets and with no recovery programme in place, had almost doubled from 26 in 1995-96 to 47 in 1996-97. In total 168 out of 433 trusts were in some difficulty, the audit office said.

The NHS faces a huge additional burden from the cost of meeting clinical negligence claims, estimated at £2bn to £3bn, that is not recorded in the accounts, the audit office said. Only £80m is provided in the accounts for 1996-97 to meet successful claims, although £1.6bn are identified. "Those are huge sums and a very real liability," a spokeswoman said.

By Elizabeth Jennings

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£1.2bn allocated to the NHS inthe budget from next April would not bridge this year's funding gap and called for an-other £500m to keep hospitals open this winter. Dr Mac Armstrong, secretary of the associ-ation, said hospitals had started the current financial year carrying deficits of at least £200m. A severe winter or a flu epidemic, both of which the country escaped last year, could precipitate a crisis.

"We would have people waiting for trolleys, let alone beds, and people being shuttled round hospitals looking for beds." he said.

However, a briefing paper prepared by the BMA for its annual meeting earlier this month said: "Compared with public expenditure generally, the NHS was generously treated this

It said NHS spending had been increased by 4 per cent in cash terms, 2 per cent after allowing for inflation, and current spending on the hospital service was up 5.1 per cent, 3 per cent

But Dr Macara said that assessment had not taken ac-count of higher inflation rates or existing financial deficits.

"In real terms, despite the appearance of generosity, the NHS got less this year than last. The situation that is now potentially serious will become critical and perhaps very grave.

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Eurotunnel rock offers platform for recreation

Environment Correspondent

A brand new piece of England, set aside for nature and recreation, was formally opened yesterday.

Samphire Hoe, at the base of one of the White Cliffs of Dover, has been created from 5 million cubic metres of chalk and other rock dug

out of the Channel Tunnel. The tunnel spoil was dumped on the beach over six years while the Tunnel was under construction in the late Eighties and early Nineties. It forms a platform nearly a mile

long, pushing 3(t) metres out to sea. Since then Eurotunnel has done some landscaping, and has installed footpaths, parking, toilets and an office for a warden. Grass and wildflower seed has been sown, and the land is growing green. A variety of birds, butterflies and plants have begun to colonise the site. The only thing left to do was to find a name for this flattened spoil-heap at the base of Shakespeare Cliff, and Jill Janaway, 63, a former teacher from Dover, won a naming competition with "Samphire" - a herb found locally, and mentioned in King Lear. David Johnson of Eurotunnel

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Lucy Ward Education Correspondent

English nine-year-olds use calculators more and are taught less often as a whole class in maths lessons than children in countries which far outperform England in the subject, according to international research.

At secondary level, where England also lags well behind other nations in maths, 13year-olds spend less time than their counterparts abroad on the subject overall and are set less

A study published yesterday examines the influences which could explain the results of a major survey revealing that English children in both age groups struggle in maths compared with their contemporaries in Pacific Rim and other countries but outstrip them in science.

Its findings have already been seized on by David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, as evidence to support the Government's drive for a minimum homework requirement.

In primary schools, children taught maths using traditional whole-class methods - the technique being advocated by the Government for literacy and numeracy teaching - were more likely to gain higher scores in tests set by researchers.

Meanwhile, countries -including England - where pupils routinely used calculators, generally did worse in the maths league tables. England's relatively low ranking - tenth out of 17 nations - came despite the fact that primary schools spent more time on maths than virtually every other country in the survey.

However, the study found a very different picture in secondary schools. It revealed English schools were roughly in line with other nations on levels of whole-class teaching in maths

time than schools in other countries and set homework less

Thirteen-year-old pupils tended to do best in both maths and science in those countries where they had more lesson time and more homework, the

research showed. The findings are the part of an international maths and science study, carried out in England by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER).

The first part looked at comparative performances of nine- and 13-year-olds in maths and science tests, while the latest section compares underlying factors such as time spent in lessons, class size, styles of teaching, levels of homework and teachers' and students' attitudes.

Researchers in England are particularly interested in the findings for the younger age group, because in primary schools children are taught both maths and science by the same teacher, yet achieve very different results relative to other countries.

Advocates of traditional teaching, including chief schools inspector Chris Woodhead, are likely to point to the study as evidence that whole-class teaching, mental arithmetic and plenty of homework are the crucial factors in achieving good maths results.

The same factors do not appear to have the same influence on science results.

However, Wendy Keys, one of three authors of the NFER report, stressed there might be no causal relationship between teaching styles and results. "I don't want to say that you only have to use whole class teaching and stop using calculators

and you have solved it. "Time spent and homework are the things to be looked at first before we start castigating teachers for not teaching the



Neil Hamilton delivering his rebuttal yesterday

Fair hearing is a big issue for Hamiltons

Kim Sengupta

They feel they are a Mr and Mrs Dreyfus, victims of a terrible injustice.

Former friends and colleagues from the Conservative Party have turned their backs on them, the media have been thirsting for their blood. But Neil and Christine Hamilton say they did receive a fair hearing - from Living Marxism and the

Big Issue.

The two organs, one of the hard left, and the other representing homeless people, have been the only ones which have given "an objective and balanced account" of their problems, said the couple.

Mr Hamilton, whose name has become synonymous with Tory sleaze, yesterday delivered a 30-page rebuttal of the Downey Report which had scathingly condemned his rela-tion with the Harrods owner, Mohamed Al Fayed, and his conduct as an MP.

In the critique, which Mr Hamilton hopes will be read by the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee on Tues-day, the former MP points out what he claims are major flaws in Sir Gordon's findings.

Mr Hamilton's letter states: The reality is that Sir Gordon has tried and convicted me on

a charge of corruption. Bribery of an MP is against the law of Parliament and, but for the Bill Of Rights, would be a criminal offence triable in a court of law.

"... He relies heavily on evidence which would not be admissible in a court of law and gives no reasons for judge-ments upon which he basis his conclusions."
Mr Hamilton states in the let-

ter that he continues to "vigorously deny Mohamed Fayed's allegations of corruption".

Mr and Mrs Hamilton told

The independent that they had been condemned to a "life sentence" of public humiliation which they are determined to overturn.

Mr Hamilton said: "I have been pilloried by the media. Surprisingly two very fair treatments have come from Living

Marxism and the Big Issue.
"I gather that Living Marxism are at odds with Martin Bell because of certain coverage the magazine had done in the former Yugoslavia. And although they are poles apart from me politically, at least they know that I furnly believe in what I stand for."

Mrs Hamilton said: "Gordon Downey crucified Neil and dissected him on a silver platter because that was what was wanted of him. But we are not going to give up,"





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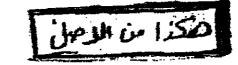
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The Cook retort: 'No question of us picking on the little guys and letting the big ones go'

After announcing his new ethical. foreign policy yesterday, Robin Cook spoke exclusively to

Rupert Cornwell and Steve Crawshaw

Robing Cook was bullish yesterday after presenting his new policy on hu-man rights. He insisted that up-holding "universal principles" – for that read morality – did not conflict with economic prosperity and keeping people in jobs.
You could refuse to sell arms to

nasty regimes abroad, then, and still avoid throwing people out of work at home. But he also knew that the dilemma at the heart of an ethical foreign policy is not so easily swept aside. "It's a matter of political life that you're not loved by all the people all the time." But Britain is ready to take the flak, even if business leaders complain about potential loss of contracts.

In an interview with the Independent Mr Cook acknowledged difficulties ahead. "Any government that pretends it is able to manage a consistent policy to 190 countries simultaneously is living in the mindset of a computer rather than the real world." But there would be no double standards: "There is no question of shrinking from difficult questions raised by large countries ... no question of us picking on the little

guys and letting the big guys go."
Earlier he presented what was officially described as "his vision for putting human rights at the centre of British foreign policy". The setting was the Foreign Office's Locarno Room, the immediate backdrop a dais in a New Labour designer shade of grey, bizarrely enlivened by the jarring yellow and orange of Ed-

vard Munch's Scream. In a signal of the Foreign Office's declared openness to different viewpoints, his invited audience included representatives of Amnesty and 100 other non-governmental organisations. No less symbolic was the presence on the rostrum of the mdependent Tatton MP and former war correspondent Martin Bell, who championed the need for a morally based response to the war in Bosnia.



Under fire: Mr Cook, attacked over sales to Indonesia, said a review on criteria for licensing arms exports would be published soon

Until now, Mr Cook's policy has been largely confined to verbal gestures. None the less, if his words are only half matched by deeds, it will represent a radical departure. Not since Jimmy Carter occupied the White House has any Western government so publicly nailed its foreign policy to the mast of morality — and certainly not the government of a country so traditionally identified with hard-nosed realpolitik as Britain. But Mr Carter's pursuit of human rights helped undermine Soviet totalitarianism, and the New

world, the formula should not yield

Mr Cook is unwilling to be drawn on how great a shift this represents from the last government's pragmatic priorities. "I don't want to get into the business of playing the superior political party on this issue. I would like to create a national consensus."

In one respect at least, Mr Cook is prepared to break new ground. He seems ready to extend an olive branch to those with politics diametrically opposed to his own. "In the US the Republican right feels as Labour Foreign Secretary sees no strongly on [human rights] as any whole world go by. That seems to me reason why, in this post-Cold War member of the Clinton administrator to fit the mindset of a declining na-

younger generation of new right-wing writers in Britain; some of that influence is coming through. If the right in Britain was to adopt some of the attitude of the right in America, I

would welcome that." He made it clear that the days when it could be said that "We have no friends and enemies, only interests," are over. "The commitments I made today are pragmatic, down to earth and serious. I get a bit fed up with the world-weary cynicism of some who feel they've seen the

Britain's head over its diplomatic and tion. You can detect that in the tion ... Robust confidence in our values is part of our national interest." trade relations with Peking. Mr Cook insisted there could be Mr Cook has been criticised for the apparent contradiction in polino question of Hong Kong's intercy of selling military equipment to ests being sacrificed at the expense Indonesia when Jakarta is under fire of good commercial relations with for its human-rights breaches. Yes-China. But he warned the democrats

> on the criteria for licensing weapons for export would be published "shortly". The review would result in "changes to the present policy" of sale of small-arms and other military equipment for sale to the security forces of "certain regimes."
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> On China, he told critics of its

rights record not to hold a gun to

terday he said the results of a review

How the great plan will work

Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

Britain's new ethical foreign policy will be backed by an annual report on the Government's human rights record, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday. Britain had already pledged £330m towards the construction of a criminal tribunal on the former

Yugoslavia, he said, and was do-nating £600,000 to belp tackle the trafficking of children for prosti-tution and other abuse in Asia. Mr Cook also promised that an ongoing review of arms exports would lead to a change of policy on the sale of riot-control equipment and small arms to repressive regimes. He would not say whether this would be likely to include In-

donesia, where British armoured

cars have been used to out down

pro-democracy demonstrations. In a speech setting out 12 main strands of the new policy, Mr Cook said human rights would in future be at the centre of Britain's approach to foreign affairs. However, cutting off links with offending nations would not be constructive. "This may provide us with clean hands, but it is unlikely to provide their people with better rights," he said.

Mr Cook also said he would raise the cases of prisoners of conscience with ministers from other countries, and would support a pro posal for a permanent International Criminal Court. He would look again at the UK Military Training Assistance Scheme, under which support was given to Indonesian security forces, and might divert the money to training journalists instead.

receive him, which may be perceived as a backhanded compliment to the Foreign Secretary's tough stance on rights.

It is unclear how productive the "Cook doctrine" will be. As he acknowledges, in any rights case bilateral pressure can achieve only so much and multilateral pressure will be far more effective. But here too mals in Bosnia "represented a new resolve" by the world community to Britain has cards to play — the permanent UN Security Council seat, its Commonwealth role, and coming presidency of the EU. "We won't al-Next week Mr Cook goes to former Yugoslavia. A trip to Belgrade has been cancelled because President ways succeed ... But we can use our influence to shift that common po-Slobodan Milosevic is "too busy" to sition a little further forward."



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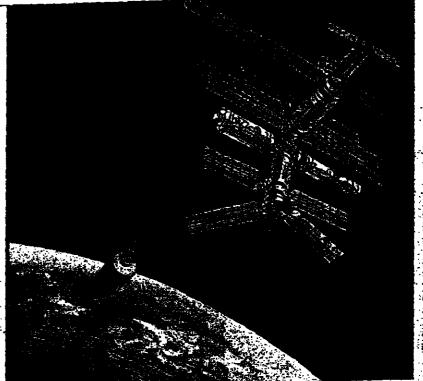
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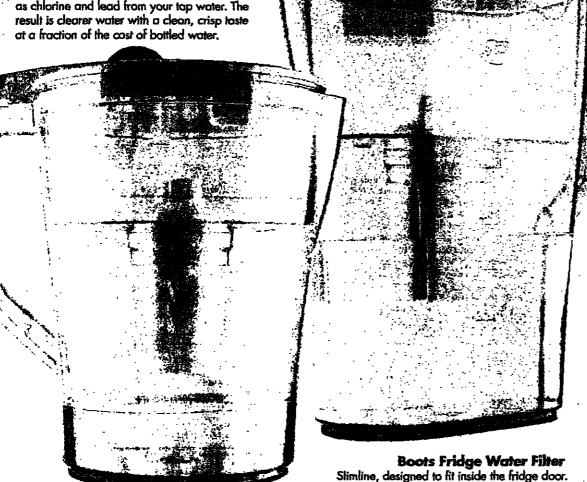


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Mir must wait to take place in history

Charles Arthur Science Editor

If the astronauts on board the Mir space station have had any time to reflect in the past three weeks, they might reassure themselves that this is not, yet, the worst disaster in space.

That unfortunate title be-

ones to the Challenger Space Shuttle, which blew up 73 seconds after its launch on 28 January 1986, killing the seven astronauts aboard. (Three US astronauts also died before leaving the ground, when the Apollo 1 module caught fire 10 nutes before it was due to take off on 27 January 1967.) and cold, are the three men in

Nor, despite the darkness the most remote location for a disaster, that dubious title goes to the occupants of Apollo 13, who were 200,000 miles from Earth on 13 April, 1970 when they radioed Houston to tell

"We've got a problem." By con-trast, Mir is about 250 miles

And it has to be said that this is not the first time that things have looked desperate to occupants of Mir. In May 1990, two cosmonauts were reported "stranded" there by damage to their descent module; at least today's occupants have the Soyuz module as a lifeboat back to Earth. The 1990 problem was solved when an unmanned craft was sent out with a ladder to enable the men to carry out

external repairs. However, this is the longestrunning crisis in space, and the exhaustion created among the crew means that the slightest error could be fatal. Although the name of the space station means "peace" in Russian, there has been very little of it for the three-man crew in the three weeks since a practice they radioed Houston to tell docking manoeuvre went wrong-mission control, famously, on June 25, causing the first

space collision with a crewed spacecraft. The first 20 minutes after the accident were a terrifying scramble, as British-born Michael Foale, aged 40, heard the hiss of escaping air in the Spektr module where he lived and worked, and had to abandon it at top speed, helped by the captain, Vasili Tsibliyev, 43, and the flight engineer, Alexan-der Lazutkin, 39.

The biame for the original accident has not yet been placed. but Russian mission control is understood to feel that Commander Tsibliyev was at fault for having used an overloaded cargo module to practice the

Since then, Commander Tsiblivey has developed a heart problem that ground-based doctors suggest is almost certainly stress-related. If the rebeen decided that he will wait in the Soyuz escape craft, while gerous task of going into the darkened Spektr module, where he will have to reconnect the cables that were unhitched. However, that spacewalk is

now planned to occur on the night of July 24-25, and is still being rehearsed in swimming tanks (to reproduce weightlessness) on the ground by Russian technicians at Star City. The latest problems - which occurred when one of the crew accidentally pulled out a cable connecting to the main com-puter, oxygen generators and power systems - plunged the sta-tion to the bare minimum of power needed to keep running. Mir was first launched on February 20 1986, intended to be a staging post for crewed flights to Mars "by the late 1990s". Instead, it suffered its first setback in April, 1987, when the Kvant astronomy module failed to dock as

Politicians struggle to keep mission afloat as risks grow

John Carlin Washington

The latest calamity to befall Mir has focused attention on the dirty little secret the White House has chosen to ignore: the expense and risk of the enterprise has become utterly disproportionate to its scientific value.

Whatever scientists were going to learn from the limping Russian hulk they have already learnt, and if the US is to contime its commitment to the pro-ject it should do so on the understanding that the returns are purely political.

"It's got nothing to do with science," said John Pike, the director of the space policy project at the Federation of American Scientists. "It's a powerfully visible assertion that Russia and America are partners, not adversaries. "
One palpable scientific gain

Nasa has obtained from the Mir oject is the knowledge that the Space Shuttle can dock successfully with a space station.
But James Lovell, the astronaut who survived the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission, has noted that after five such missions the US has all the information it could possibly require on docking. Another objective was to

learn about the human body's capacity to withstand long periods of weightlessness. But the consensus among scientists is that the US now knows all it needs to know about that too.

"Mir has done an exceptionally fine job," Mr Lovell said last week. "Now it's time to give it a very respectful retirement. That is not the view of the White House which, eager to soothe Russian brows after the tensions generated by recent developments in Nato, remains publicly committed to the proect. Though it remains to be seen how keen President Bill Clinton will be to give his blessing to plans under way to send two mòre American astronauts

to Mir after the scheduled re-

turn of the current batch in

pecting, the mission will succeed

without a potentially life-threat-

ening situation," said James

Sensenbrenner, the Republi-

September. After yesterday's near disaster, he will most certainly come under pressure from Congress to call the whole deal off. "I, for one, can no longer sit idly by as mishap after mishap occurs while we continue to plan the next shuttle mission to Mir, hoping for, but not really ex-

House of Representatives' Science Committee.

According to a paper written by the Clear Lake Group, a space policy research organisation in Houston, the ailing space station presents too much of a risk for astronauts. "The signs are obvious that sending American astronauts to Mir is sending them needlessly in harm's way," the paper said. "Space travel, like all forms of movement, is inherently dangerous. Keeping an astronaut on

Mir is making it reckless." The question Congress and Mr Clinton will soon have to confront is whether the diplomatic goodwill reaped by working with the Russians in space is worth the price of America suffering its first fatality in

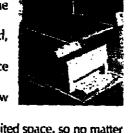
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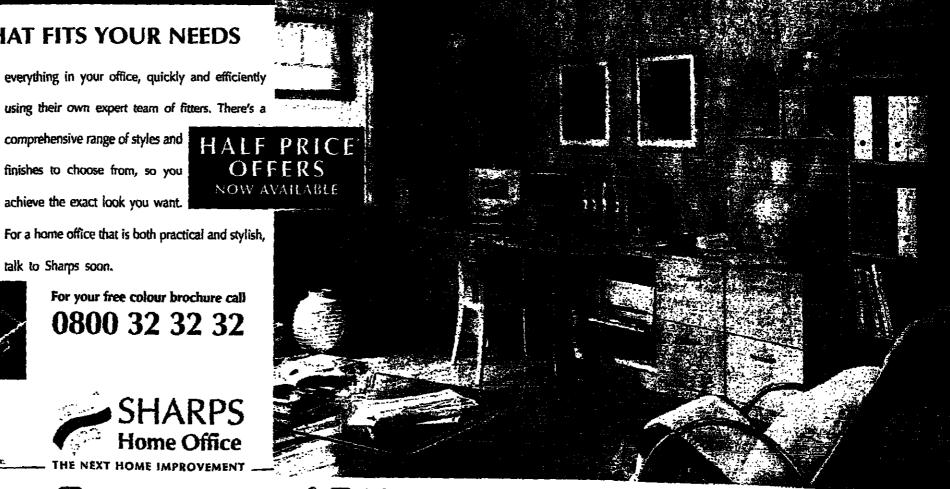
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French worker loses his head at the Tower

France's most famous tourist attraction reopened last night after workers were persuaded to call off their strike and go back to work.

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Hugues De Baillien Court. the general secretary at the Tower, said that "the employee's that he must be sacked. "We are not in the least bit proud of it." The 50 or so strikers, most o the employee be kept on and

employed in another section. The Tower is the most visited tourist attraction in the world of those that charge an entrance fee. At this time of year it gets 25,000 visitors a day, attracting 800,000 in August, the busiest month. Losses during the strike were £100,000 a day

Generals stand guard as Turkey returns to the secular path

Blink, and Turkey almost seems back on track. After 11 months of Islamist-led government, Turkey is now being run by politicians whose understanding of secularism appears in line

Mesut Yilmaz, whose broadbased coalition government won a vote of confidence on 12 July, has promised to reduce the influence of the Islamists. But sceptics argue that he has neither the means nor the will

Mr Yilmaz's purring proclanation of a government of national unity has made secularists feel good, but a yawning gap be-tween European-minded Turks and their eastern-oriented compatriots will prove hard to narrow. As he gets to work. Mr

watched by Turkey's generals. They tripped up Necmettin Er-bakan, his predecessor, whom they considered too Islamist. Now they have made it clear that they expect Mr Yihnaz and Bulent Ecevit, his new deputy prime minister, to take Turkey in the other direction.

The trouble is, the develop-

ment of Islamism in Turkey can-

not be pinned on Mr Erbakan and his Welfare Party; it predates by two decades Welfare's formation, and was encouraged by many pro-Western secularists, who saw in it a convenient diversion for Turkish youths who might otherwise be attracted to Communism. Take, for instance, the rise of the Imam Hatips, religious state schools whose influence the generals want curbed. Most of these schools were opened in the 1970s and the 1980s, a pe-



Mesut Yilmaz (left) replaces Necmettin Erbakan (right), but

The influence of religious schools, argue educationalists, will only wane if Mr Yilmaz sacks Islamic-minded teachers



and Ecevit included - were cation system. But the new drastic solutions. His government has said it will prevent Turks under the age of 14 from attending Imam Hatips. But it

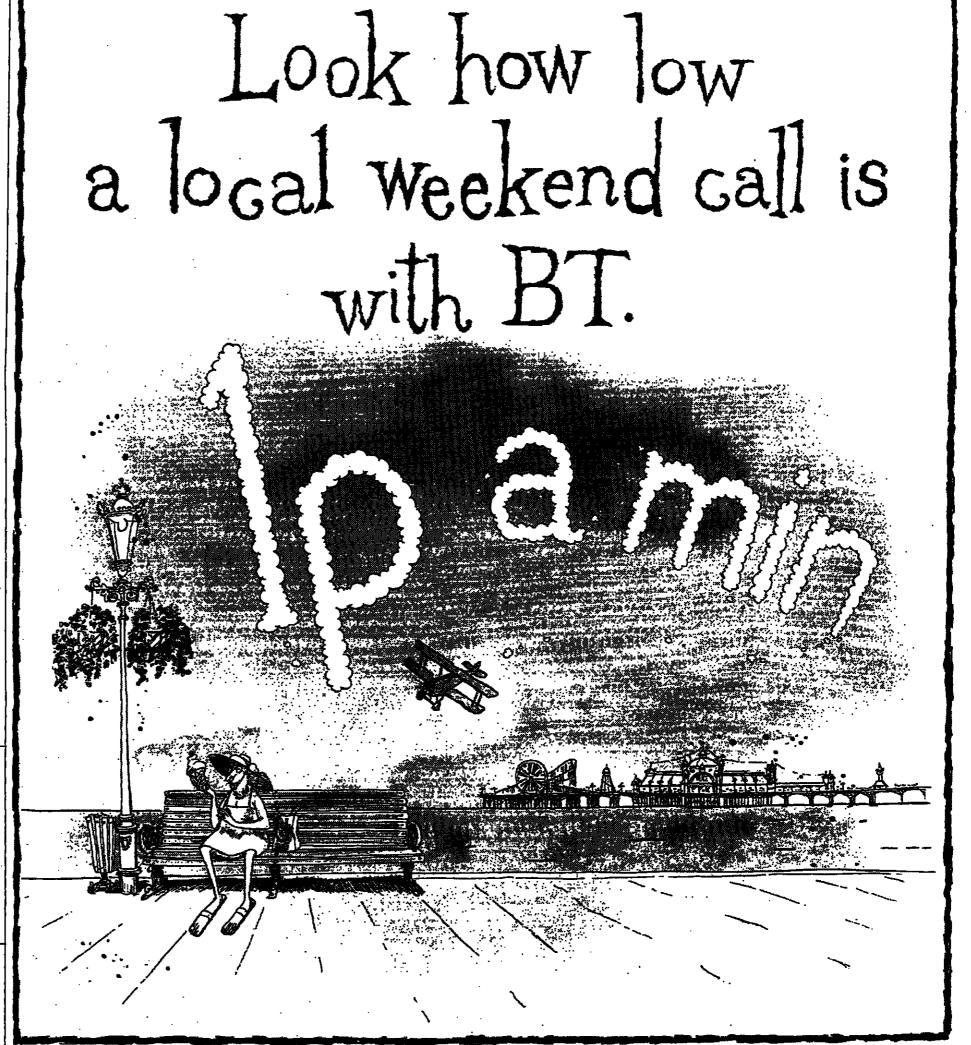
allow Arabic and religious education in main-stream secondary schools.

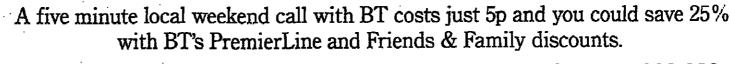
Just as important is what Mr Yilmaz proposes to do about Turkey's big alternative economy. This is secretive. pious, and substantially sup-ported by Turkish Islamists in Germany. An estimated \$12hn (£7bn) has been collected by socalled "Islamist companies", in the form of unofficial share issues. Much of this money gets funnelled towards mosquebuilding and Koran courses.

Clearly, penalising pious businessmen and pupils in around 500 Imam Hatips is best avoided if you are a politician from one of Turkey's beleaguered-looking mainstream parties. Mr Yilmaz's Motherland Party has, since its inception, combined religious conservatism with liberal eco-

ism is said to have undergone changes since he was prime minister three times in the 1970s. This change, say mischievous commentators, is reflected in the number of Arabic words he

uses when speaking Turkish. Mr Yilmaz has presented an impressive list of ministers, whose urbanity and Western orientation contribute to the impression that the Turkey which the West likes - the dependable Nato member and European Union applicant - is back to normal. This impression is premature. But some cultural gestures and the removal of a few, too pious civil servants - the sum, to date, of the government's anti-Islamist proposals looks like mere linkering.
 The durability of the government is already in doubt. The extent to which it can - or wants to - halt decades of Islamism is





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years in France. It was about the firing of one employee, enraging 50 of 220 employees and provoking a strike at one of the The employee was sacked on Tuesday after attacking an English tourist who had wanted to change her ticket. According to

international SA crime blamed on old regime's agents murder and hijacking rate in the world outside war zones. Last week tens of thousands of post-words many delibered to Brain in Courth Africa than in Court

Mary Braid Johannesburg

With South Africa leading the world in violent crime, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki has finally admitted that lawlessness threatens the country's fledgling democracy and economy.

But his analysis of the cause of the crime explosion and the failure of the justice system to combat it has caused controversy. He says sabotage by former and current security-force

members, still loyal to the old apartheid government, is a key actor in the crisis. It is claimed that former security police who joined private security firms are reviving the "Third Force" activities they had used against the ANC to destabilise the new democratic South Africa. In addition, officials hostile to the new government, but trapped in its service, are accepting bribes to pervert justice.

Sidney Mufumadi, safety and security minister, also said in-

ternational crime syndicates tional crime syndicates. Mr have infiltrated all government departments and that they are aided by disloyal officials. He compares South Africa's crime organisations and apcrisis to that of Russia after the

collapse of the Soviet Union.
South Africa is being targeted by crime rings from Nigeria,
Yugoslavia, Russia and China. The government is considering introducing laws to stop former intelligence agents selling in-formation to international intelligence agencies or transpaly to back up its claims. The Pan-Africanist Congress said it had suspected former security forces were involved in car hijacking and drug syndicates.
But a National Party MP, An-

dre Fourie, dismissed it as a despealed to former operatives to perate move calculated to veil the ANC's failure to defeat expose their old networks. There is no way that syndicrime. He accused Mr Mbeki of cates can move to foreign territory and set themselves up and denigrating South Africa's se-curity forces. "The ANC conoperate without the collusion of local elements," Mr Mufuma-di said. Politicians of all parties veniently forgets that organised bank robberies formed part of yesterday demanded that the ANC make arrests immediatethe fund-raising efforts by the

about Mr Mbeki's theory extend beyond the political parties. Business Day newspaper has warned the ANC to resist retreating into conspiracy theories. It said evidence of an orchestrated plot was "at best circumstantial". The paper put widespread police corruption down to a general decline in the

morai standards. The ANC is under enormous pressure to combat crime. Johannesburg has the highest

cards were delivered to President Nelson Mandela's home in

Pretoria demanding action. The ANC comments come as a group of British police advisa group of British Africa's crime problem may not be as bad as the public perceived. David Thursfield, deputy Chief Constable of West Mercia, said the

South African Police Service

Britain but that that was a so-

cial, not a policing issue.

Mr Murumadi's statements about the enemy within will do nothing to warm relations with George Fivaz, the SAPS national commissioner. The minister and the police chief, both of whom are under enormous strain, have engaged in several unseemly rows recently.

North Korea: a nation exporting food while its children starve

Richard Lloyd Parry

Despite a famine which is said by aid workers to have caused malnutrition in a third of its children, North Korea exported 1,000 tonnes of maize to a Japanese chicken farmer this week. The Mangvongbong, a North Korean ship, was last night unloading the last of 1,030 tonnes of maize, according to customs officials at Aomori, northern Japan. They refused to name the customer, but the Sankei Shimbun said he is a poultry farmer from Yokohama.

Kaoru Yosano, acting chief spokesman for the Japanese government, said they were investigating the incident, which comes weeks after a renewed appeal by international agencies to make up the 800,000 tonnes of grain they estimate Pyongyang needs to feed its people until the end of this year's harvest.

Japanese intelligence sources speculated that the shipment may have originated in China and been transhipped through the North Korean port of Chongjin by a middle-man. Even so, the disclosure that the supposedly starving country has food to sell will spur those who favour

a hard-line approach to North Korea's secretive government. Since it was hit by floods in 1995 there have been suspicions, especially in South Korea, that the food shortage was being exaggerated, and that aid in-tended for civilians was being diverted for sale or to the country's

1 million troops. Charity workers, UN officials, and US politicians returning from the North have said many children and old people are close to starvation. Some of the kids we saw were in a "Some of the kids we saw we're in a state that I felt if aid doesn't go in, they will not survive," Kathy Zell-weger, of the charity Caritas, said on her return to Peking this week. "We are moving to a very, very serious situation if we don't help them now. She said 800,000 children are malnourished, 10 per cent of them seriously, and showed recent photographs of victims with dis-tended stomachs and stick-like limbs.

But accounts suggest it is a seleclive famine, with parts of the country, including those by the coast, the Chinese border and the the gleaming model capital, Pyongyang, relatively unscathed. On Tuesday the US promised \$27m (£16.8m) of food aid



Video evidence: TV footage of a child being treated for malnutrition in hospital in Hamhung, on the east coast of North Korea

earlier in the year. But on Wednesday the Senate voted to bar more economic aid if the North continued to violate the armistice which ended the Korean War in 1953.

A few hours earlier, North and South Korean troops exchanged fire across the demilitarised zone sepa-rating the two countries, an incident which was under investigation yes-

terday by a UN military team. Each side blamed the other for starting the 23-minute gun fight. The North has agreed to meet for peace talks with China, South Korea and the US next

month and intelligence sources believe the incident may have been calculated to give Pyongyang additional leverage by demonstrating its military potential before the meeting.

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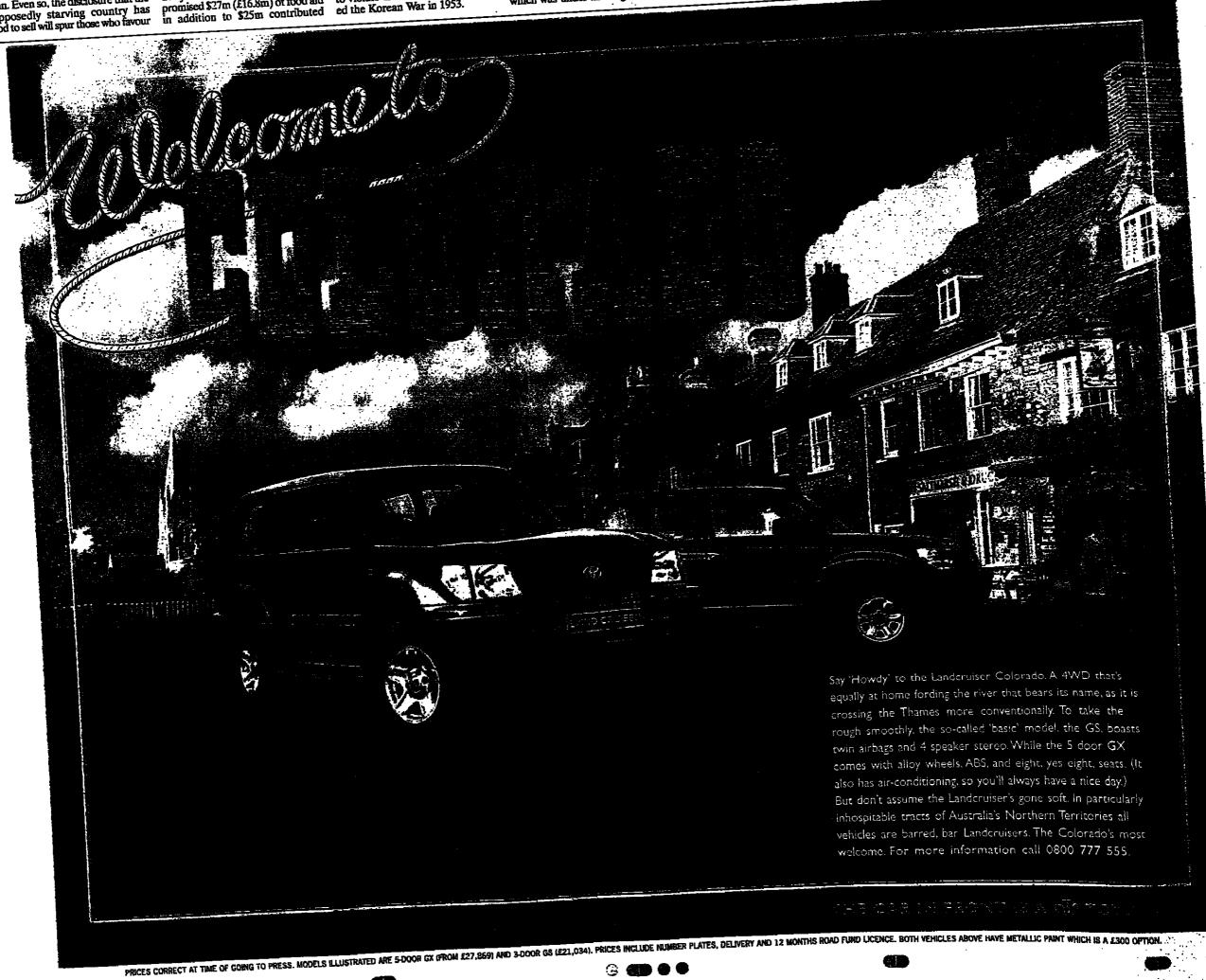
Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

Four explosive devices, believed to be hand grenades, hit the main British base in Bosnia on Wednesday night, in what appears to be a low-level campaign to harms properly to have peace. paign to harass peace-keeping troops and international monitors after British peace-keeping troops killed one Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect and arrested another a week ago. No one was hurt and there was no seri-

ous damage.
British Army sources said the incidents continue to appear isolated and not part of a co-ordinated camand not part of a co-ordinated cam-paign, and Serb leaders, who have ap-pealed for calm, agreed. Momeilo Krajisnik, the Serb member of the three-man Bosnian presidency, said: "I want to believe these were indi-yidual incidents. It would not be good vidual incidents. It would not be good if they were some kind of revenge. They are more an expression of fear and uncertainty because of the existence of secret lists [of indicted war crimes suspects], which raise tensions

and cause alarm among the people."

The first three blasts were at 10.45, local time, in the car park of the British base in Banja Luka, the biggest town in the the Serb-con-trolled part of Bosnia and the headquarters of the British sector, which covers western Bosnia.



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agent Wicked sister chopped up good sister and put her in the freezer

Tim Cornwell Los Angeles

A middle-aged Californian woman was to appear in court yesterday charged with killing her sister, storing the dismembered body in a freezer and impersonating the older woman for at least two weeks.

Sarah Mitchell, 47, did not simply pose as Stevie Allman, 52, in order to claim her pension and the title to the family home.
She enlisted the entire Oakland city

police department, along with Cali-fornia Governor Pete Wilson, as allies in what is now alleged to be a murderous hoax.

'I don't know if bizarre quite describes it," said Captain Peter Dun-bar, of Oakland police, about a case that has dominated the headlines in the newspapers of northern California. "This is the stuff of a Hollywood

on its World Wide Web site, dubbed

it "a really weird crime". The story began on 1 July when Ms Allman, a reclusive spinster, was seen running from her blazing home, the bottom of her dress on fire. A woman neighbour wondered why she was clutching her purse, but kept ber suspicions to herself. From her hospital bed "Stevie" blamed drug-dealers for firebombing her home. "I have no doubt they intended to murder me," said a defiant public statement from a woman formerly known as a shy loner. "Their warped minds thought the act would clear the way to do their dirty dealing."

The Oakland police department confirmed that Allman had been se-

cretly videoing drug dealers for a year and sending them the tapes. She instantly became a local hero. Donations poured into a fund to pay for her treatment and replace Stevie's two dogs, a Chihuahua and pit bull named



Oakland police move the freezer containing the decomposed body of Stevie Allman from her home Photograph: AP/San Francisco Herald

Oda and Caesar, who had reportedly died in the fire. Residents descended on the street and vowed to clean it up. Crime-fighting Republican governor Wilson promised a \$50,000 (£85,000) reward.

It was one of Ms Allman's seven siblings, however, who alerted police

that two sisters had been living at the house. Two weeks after the fire a finprint check confirmed that "Stewas Sarah. She was arrested cashing a check from her hospital When police searched the house, they found the pieces of a decomposing corpse in the freezer.

Stevie was a compulsively quiet acretary. Her sister, by contrast, had arrests for prostitution and fraud. Sarah had posed as Stevie before, cashing an inheritance check from their mother, and was a drug user. But to the surprise of her relatives, the two continued to live together. Police are you never figure your own family.

now trying to establish whether their drug informant was actually Stevie, or Sarah. But the last word may go to Sarah Mitchell's own son, Leland. "If it was a money scam, I wouldn't put it past her," he told the Oukland Tribune. "People do crazy stuff, but

Spain unites to ban Eta rally

Elizabeth Nash Madrid

The Spanish authorities, tightening the screw on the pro-Eta party Herri Batasuna (HB), have resolved to inject new force into existing legislation rather than impose Draconian new measures, tollowing the torrent of popular revulsion against Basque terrorism.

The most important thing... is to strengthen our commitment to existing laws," the Interior Minister, Jaime Mayor Oreja, said on Wednesday.

A spirit of inter-party solidarity has arisen in the wake of demonstrations that brought millions of Spaniards on to the streets this week, following the murder on Saturday of the young Basque councillor, Miguel Angel Blanco.

Mr Mayor Oreja has suggest-ed a number of measures to corner HB, including using video cameras to record demonstrations; more aggressive investi-gating of links between HB and Eta and speeding up court actions against Eta suspects.

The Basque government has banned an HB demonstration called in San Sebastian tomorrow. HB has appealed against the decision but says it will re-

Israel warned over deaths in Lebanon

Robert Fisk Beirut

American, Lebanese, Israeli, Syrian and French delegates warned vesterday that further killings of civilians in southern Lebanon could "erode" the ceasefire agreed after last year's Israeli bombardment of southern Lebanon which left almost 200 Lebanese civilians dead.

Their plarm followed the killing of three civilians by Israeli artillery fire over the previous four days and the wounding of a Lebanese civilian by a ha rocket fired by Hizbollah guerrillas - both the was in self-defence after an at-Israelis and the Hizbollah received the ceasefire committee's report with ill grace and warned of the consequences of further violations.

In the hours before the fivepower monitoring group met on Wednesday, the Hizboliah fired 37 more Katyushas at Israeli positions, in retaliation for the killing of a Palestinian woman and her son by Israeli shells east of Sidon. At least seven of the projectiles fell inside Israel but - in a clear attempt to deflate the crisis - the Hizbollah made no claim to the rocket attacks and the Israelis said they could not find the point of impact of the Katyushas which had landed inside Israeli territory. The two Palestinians, it transpires, were survive much longer.

inside their house on a poultry farm near the village of Barty when they were killed. The woman's husband, who worked for the UN's Palestinian relief agency, survived, along with the The ceasefire committee con-

demned as a clear truce violation the Israeli killing - by "fleshette" shells - of an elderlv farmer at Aadchit al-Osair on Saturday, for which the Israeli delegate expressed "deep sorrow". The killing of the two Palestinians was a "possibly unintentional violation" because the Israelis said that their fire tack on their militia allies. The wounding of a Lebanese man in Marjayoun by a Katyusha was termed an "unintentional violation" and the landing of one Katyusha inside Israel also breached the April 1996 understanding.

With schoolmasterly impatience, the ceasefire committee urged restraint on both sides, adding that "combatants are responsible for the manner in which they conduct their firing missions", an odd reference to the fact that the ceasefire allows Israeli occupation troops and Hizbollah guerrillas to kill each other providing they do not fire from or towards civilians. Few in Lebanon expect the truce to

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significant shorts

Clinton names new top

Ending a search made more difficult by the turmoil over sex in the military. President Bill Clinton yesterday

selected Army General Henry Shelton to be chairman of

the military Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Shelton, a

tough Green Beret paratrooper who led US forces in

Hairi, would be the third army man in a row to fill a job that usually rotates among the army, navy and air force. In announcing that he had decided to name the 55-year-

old special forces commander to be the top US military officer. Mr Clinton said General Shelton brought "unique

unconventional warfare. General Shelton's selection to succeed Army General John Shalikashvili at the end of

September came five weeks after Air Force General Joseph Ralston, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs,

withdrew from the running after a former adulterous

Hun Sen secures ceasefire Resistance to coup leader Hun Sen appeared to crumble vesterday as key countries prepared to accept his new

endorsed their efforts to mediate a settlement.

India is to get its first "untouchable" president. KR

politicians, while his nearest rival, former election

Narayanan. 76, won 4,331 votes from state and federal

Untouchable president

regime. After three days of negotiations, commanders loyal to Hun Sen and Prince Norodom Ranariddh agreed to a regional ceasefire in Poipet, near the Thai border.

Hun Sen urged King Norodom Sibanouk to return from Peking, where he is undergoing medical treatment, to preside over the elections. King Sihanouk, 74, yesterday met a delegation of regional foreign ministers and

perspective" to the job because of his expertise in

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Professor George Dick

George Dick was a giant in the fields of virology, public health and medical education. However, there are many who feel that he was never fully recognised by the medical establishment.

He was born in Glasgow. where his father the Rev David Dick's ministry included the infamous Gorbals slum. At 17 George was admitted to Edinburgh University School of Medicine, graduating in 1938 and joining the RAMC at the outbreak of the Second World War. In 1941 he met and married Brenda Cook, and in 1942 was posted to Somalia, where he was in charge of pathologi-cal services, driving hundreds of miles through the desert in a field laboratory with his

faithful dog Tabu. After the war Dick continued viral research in Uganda, the United States and England be-fore accepting the Chair of Bacteriology at Queen's University, Belfast, in 1953. The work in Belfast was prodigious, including research into poliomyelitis, whooping cough, measles and smallpox.

In 1957 he probably saved the entire Irish population of budgerigars from extermination during a public health scare by proving that they could not be carriers of poliovirus. This apparent triviality endeared him to the Irish general public and helped enormously in generating goodwill for subsequent

vaccine trials. Amongst these was one tri-al which showed that a new oral polio vaccine was unsafe. By vigorously lobbying to prevent the large-scale use of this vaccine in the United Kingdom Dick undoubtedly prevented a huge disaster. This theme of the pursuit of truth and protection of the people runs right through

Dick's work. After witnessing the death of a child following smallpox vaccination, Dick (forearmed of course with the necessary data) began a campaign to stop the use of the vaccine in the United Kingdom, where the disease was only sporadic. It took years



Dick: Hero of Public Health

of effort before his opinion was accepted, but in the late Sixties routine vaccination was stopped, first in the United States and then in Britain. Many children were thereby protected from death or disfigurement.

Multiple sclerosis sufferers in the late Fifties also have much cause to thank George Dick, He was able to prevent the import of a "vaccine" against the disease, developed in the Soviet Union. It turned out to have been made from the rabies virus.

In 1966 this nomadic academic was appointed Bland-Sutton Professor of Pathology at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School in London and Director of the Bland-Sutton Institute. Running the institute was a huge administrative challenge which Dick met with his usual energy. When at last he returned to research, it was

Creutzfeld-Jacob Disease, a degenerative condition of the nervous system, and the rare Marburg virus which mainly occupied him.

Once again he found himself up against the Establishment. defending the claims of CID victims who had been given growth hormone treatment as an expert witness in legal cases in Britain and Australia. However, Dick never felt en-

tirely comfortable with the London scene, especially with the proximity of Harley Street -The Strada" as he called it and in 1973 he left to become Postgraduate Dean for the South West Thames Regional Health Authority. This new departure was like a breath of fresh air for him. During this time he published Immunisation (1978; later reissued as Practical Immunisation, 1986), Immunology of Infectious Diseases (1979), and Health on Holiday and Other Travels (1982), all used by doctors and travellers worldwide. He always nurtured talent in the postgraduate students with encouragement and came down hard on sloppy thinking; nobody was in any doubt of where they stood with him.

As a lifelong champion of better library facilities, Dick was delighted to be honoured with a Fellowship of the Library Association in 1990, and in 1992 he was made Hero of Public Health by Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. But he never received the honours he deserved in his own country.

In retirement Dick continued fund-raising, especially for research and medical education. He is co-author of a paper on the cause of multiple sclerosis to be published in the journal Brain next month.

He was a trenchant campaigner on many issues of public concern from nuclear weapons to light pollution, from hospital closures to land mines. As a base for the criticism of establishment views Dick founded the Rowhook Medical Society, which meets at the family home in Sussex. Amongst the wide range of issues taken up by the RMS are refugee health, ter-minal care, NHS reforms and racial discrimination.

Latterly, as an amateur horticulturist, George Dick looked after the plants in his garden with the same dedication he gave to his humanitarian and

Michael Redfern

George Williamson Auchinvole Dick, pathologist and virologist: born Glasgow 14 August 1914; As-sistara Pathologist, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh 1939-40; pathologist, RAMC 1940-46; pathologist, Colonial Medical Research Service 1946-51; Rockefeller Foundation Fellow, Rockefeller Institute, New York, and Johns Hopkins University 1947-48; Research Fellow, School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins Universi-ty 1949-50; staff, Medical Re-search Council 1951-54; Professor of Microbiology, Queen's Univer-sity Belfast 1955-65; Director, Bland-Sutton Institute and School of Pathology, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London University 1966-73. Bland-Sutton Professor of Pathology 1966-73, Professor of Pathology, Honorary Lecturer and Honorary Consultant, Institute of Child Health 1973-81 (Emeritus): Assistant Director, Bruish Postgraduate Medical Federation, and Postgraduate Dean, South West Thames Regional Health Authority 1973-81; married 1941 Brenda Cook (two sons, two daughters); died Midhurst, West Sussex 3 July 1997.



off a gift from a grateful Texan client — a lavatory seat adorned with gold and silver dollars

Len Pountney

Len Pountney was to men's hairdressing what Teasy Weasy Raymond was to ladies' and claimed to have invented the DA (duck's arse) hairstyle common to the Teddy Boys of the 1950s. One of his customers, Patrick Sheehan, recalls: "They were amazing times. Everyone in Middlesex wanted to go to Pountney's and it was always packed out with guys from the West End. Men had never had to book before for haircuts and we would go in groups and then

on to parties."
Pountney was an ebullient showman who took men's barbering into the world of quality coiffure, but his business acumen and ability to predict new trends and develop them enabled him to mov

into other areas. Beginning with a barber shop in Hounslow, west London, that he purchased for £300 in 1947 (although he always hated the word "barber"), he created Britain's leading gentlemen's hair stylists, who later introduced hair transplanting and, some 25 years later, evolved into a cosmetic surgery

hospital, the Pountney Clinic. He was born in Islington, north London, in 1913. He became an Amateur Boxing Association semi-finalist and London diving champion and an example of his early energy can be seen in his boxing both as an amateur and, under an assumed name, simultaneously as a professional in order to

provide extras for his family. He provide extras for its family. The served as an army physical train-ing instructor during the Second World War and, inspired by an article about 18th-century wigmakers, purchased his first barber's shop in Hounslow on

demobilisation. He painted the shop red. black and gold and introduced jazz bands and rock-and-roll artistes to bemused but suppy customers. Free cocktails there served on Caribbean evenings. The local army barracks and bandsmen from Kneller Hall (the Royal School of Military Music at Twickenham) were induced to supply squaddies so that he could show the Army how short haircuts need not be

demoralising for recruits. With a Belgian, Paul Rans, he founded the Interna Union of Masculine Coiffeurs in 1957 and produced shows and judged hairdressing competitions world-wide. Among his early clients were the boxer and actor Freddie Mills and the Great Train Robbers. Pountney had a great per-

sonal interest in disguise. Gerald Nabarro, Cilla Black, the Shah of Iran - even Howard Hughes - are said to have visited him for advice. Russell Harty was disguised for television and the journalist Denis Hart succumbed to his skills for the Daily Telegraph magazine, being turned into a mysterious South American. Harr's own children did not recognise him.

Pountney became a close friend of the television compere Hughie Green and liked to move in show-business circles and keep his own customers entertained with stories of his exploits.

In 1958, following a visit to the United States, he started the Harley Street Hair Clinic, where he specialised in providing hair transplants for men, a technique to reduce the effects of baldness by taking healthy plugs of hair from the back and sides of the head and planting them into the bald areas. Inspired by the financial success of the clinic he enlarged his salon in Hounslow and recruited leading surgeons to provide the essential skills. During the 1960s his face could be seen smiling at passengers from the walls of almost every London

Underground station. A keen royalist, Pountney offered his services to the Royal Family in 1975. He felt that the Duke of Edinburgh could improve his image and regain youthfulness with hair transplants. He received a reply from Buckingham Palace: The Duke of Edinburgh has asked me to thank you for your letter, the contents of which have

been noted." In 1978 he published a book, Your Hair: the startling facts, in which he introduced readers to his theory that a diet of fruit and fish combined with exercise could encourage hair growth. He visited Georgia, a country

noted for the longevity and extreme hairiness of its peasants where he found proof of his the ories. He and his son Roy adopted the diets he brought back and both their heads carried luminiant growth.

Observing the success of cosmetic surgery in the US, Pountney brought commercially advertised surgery to England for the first time. The backbone of his business had always been hairdressing, but he converted his salon into a specialist clinfered his services to the Palace: theory of resource allocation th could be improved greatly dinists of the left he preferred After all he was always to protection to growth despite higher inflation. and I think the improvement would have given him greater

ice with girls." Following Pountney's retirement in 1975 he still visited his clinic weekly to ensure that standards had not slipped. He took an active role in the design and construction of his new cosmetic surgery biospital in 1986 and was continually finding new ways to promote the business.

Both his sons, Alec and Roy, were champion hairdressers. and trichologists.

David Butler

Leonard Pourainey, hairdresser. born London 6 February 1913; married 1933 Frances Hoyles (one son, and one son deceased); died Bournemouth, Dorset I July 1997. Wiles: maverick fiberal

Professor Peter Wiles

Peter Wiles was best known for his work on Soviet economics, a branch which once flourished, but is now quite dead. His The Political Economy of Communism, published in 1962, was an early treatment of this complex subject and a standard reference for many years.

But Wiles was more than a Sovietological economist, despine the title he assumed on his retirement from his Chair at the London School of Economics and the School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies which he held for 20 years, from 1965 to 1985. He was a trenchant applied economist in the anti-neoclassical mould, a liberal who warned of the success of the command economy but was wary of laissez-faire. In his long career as an economist at Oxford and in London, he fought against the formalisation of economics, putting his faith in facts rather than algebra or even geometry.

After Winchester and Ox-

ford, he spent the Second World War in the intelligence side of the Royal Artillery Corps and was mentioned twice in dispatches. He was elected a Fellow of All Souls and then spent 12 years as a Fellow of New College, Oxford, which he left in 1960 to take up a Professorship in Brandeis University in Massachusetts. But he came back to the UK upon taking up his chair in Russian Economics and Social Studies at London University. His main teaching was at the LSE but he always insisted that he was not just an LSE Professor, having his post in the School of Slavon-ic and Eastern European Studies as well.

At Oxford, he was a member of the Oxford Liberal Group and contributed in 1962 to Radical Alternatives along with Mark Bonham Carter (later Lord Bonham-Carter) and Walter Eltis, In his contribution to this volume, "The Economy and the Cold War", as in his later work, he warned that despite inefficiencies in allocation of resources the command system was capable of achieving rapid and sustained growth and that capitalist economics had to match this if a liberal society was

to survive. He was, however, no friend of the free market order. He trusted neither the economic

ics was growing in the 1960s and Peter Wiles was undoubtedly British figure in this



field. But, unlike many practitioners who got lost in the minutiae of Soviet economic administration, he sought to build up a more general ap-proach which would help to compare the economic performance of different systems. This was the new discipline of Comparative Economic Systems in which his Economic Institutions Compared, published in 1977, stands as a significant

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If you reject static allocation landmark. theory of neoclassical economics as Wiles did and do not a priori judge the free market system to be best, how do you estimate the performance of economic systems? How do you weigh and combine growth, full employ-ment, equity, price stability, alienation. compatibility with freedom along with microcconomic optimality? This is the question he took up in Economic Institutions Compared. The question is not easy to answer and despite the recent swing in favour of the static market criteria has not been satisfactorily answered yet.

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Wiles also took a strong view
(indeed, any view he took was
held strongly, if at all) that the
inflation of the 1970s was the result of institutions' wage hargaining. In this he was criticised the Monetarists as well as the Marxists, but he was a doughty controversialist. He carried on his methodological battles with neoclassical economics in a collection he edited (with Guy Routh) provocatively titled Economics

in Disarray (1985).
As in his early but sadly neglected economics text Price, Cost and Output (1962), he waged his battle at the microeconomic level as well as at other levels. He, like others of his contemporaries, Henry Phelps Brown and the Nobel Laureate Wassily Leontici, wanted his economics to be firmly grounded in fact, not pure theories.

Peter Wiles will be remembered for his style, which was provocative but full of fun. He was helpful to his students while being a stern taskmaster. The demise of Sovietology would not have worried him in the slightest, but the triumph of the free market would. In this, as in many other things, he was a maverick liberal who cared as much about equality as he did about freedom.

Meghnad Desai

Peter John de la Fosse Wiles, economist: born 25 November 1919; Fellow, All Souls College. Oxford 1947-48; Fellow, New College, Oxford 1948-60; Professor, Brandeis University 1960-63; Research Associate, för Internationell Ekonomi, Stockholm 1963-64; Professor of Russian Social and Economic Studies, London University 1965-85 (Emeritus Professor of Sovietological Economics); FBA 1990; books include The Political Economy of Communism 1962, Communist International Economics 1968. Economic Institutions Compared 1977, Die Parallelwirtschaft 1981; married 1945 Elizabeth Coppin (one son, two daughters; marriage dissolved 1960), 1960 Carolyn Stedman; died London 14 July 1997.

The Rev Dr Norman Pittenger

Those 90 books ... Every time I heard Norman Pittenger describe himself as "the Barbara Cartland of theology" the phrase grated on my ears, writes Michael Halls [further to the obituary by Andrew Brown, 28 June). Not only because it was so

misleading, but because the self-mockery was painfully, transparently thin. The phrase was a defence mechanism, and it saddened his friends that he should feel the need of it. Norman was in fact a pastoral moralist of extraordinary ef-

evaluated himself not against the good that he did, nor against other workers in his own field, but, tragically, against a quite different species, academic moral theologians. He never took the measure of all the good

fectiveness and insight, but he that he had done. I was never sure that he truly believed that he had done arry. His real quality was evident

to anyone who took the trouble to make him talk about things he cared about, rather than merely let him make conversa-

tion; and those 90 books were bought and read as tracts for the times. Tens of thousands of people who grew up under the cold shadow of modern Christianity will hope that for Norman Pittenger, at least, there is an afterlife: one where he found

waiting for him a comfortable Chair in Moral and Pastoral Theology, academic honours, genuine and disinterested love (of course), and an audience in whose respect, gratitude and af-fection he could - at last - find it possible to have faith.

Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

MARRIAGES

CURTIS/GOLLWITZER: In Regent-burg, Germany, on 10 July 1997. Susanna, younger daughter of Ann and Adam Curtis, Glasgow, to Horst, elder son of Gerda and Erust Gollwitzer, Amberg.

DEATHS

BALLARD: On 16 July 1997, Clifford Frederick, Emerius Professor in Orthodomics. University of London, passed away after a short illness, aged 87. Dearly lowed busband of Muriel and father of Roger and Jill. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday 25 July 1997 at 2.20pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Alzheimer's Disease Society, etc. I.N. Newman Ltd, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts.

PALFFI: Liz. belawed and loving moth-er of Ali and Georgie, wife of Pista, sister of Caroline, Kate and Rose, god-mother of Kristina, Nell and Nen, and bury, Wilts. mother of Kristina, Nell and Nen, and a wonderful friend to so many whom she loved. Surrounded by love she died in peace, freed from pain, earlied in Peace, freed from pain, earlied in Prince after. Donations to Professor Raw Powles' Myeloma Fund at the Royal Marsden or to multiple sclerosis research. Flowers to Greatham Manor, near Pulborough. West Susser.

For Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES &

Birthdays

Mr Kenneth Armitage, sculptor, 81: Lady Bingley. Research Social Work-er, City Corporation, 72; Mr Edward Road, alasmatich, 62: Mr Bishard Bond, playwright, 63; Mr Richard Branson, founder and chairman, Virgin Group, 47; Mr Dave Cash, disc jockey, 55; Mr Christopher Daykin, Government Actuary, 49; Mr Hubert Doggart, cricket historian, 72; Sir William Doughts William Doughty, deputy chairman, Britannia Relined Metals, 72; Viscount Esher, former Rector, Royal College of Art, 84; Mr Nick Faldo, golfer, 40; Mr John Fraser, former chairman and chief executive, Ciba-Geigy, 66; Senator John Glenn, former astronaut. 76; Mr David Hemery, athlete, 53; Miss Elizabeth Jennings, poet, 71; Mr Dennis Lillee, cricketer, 48; Mr Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa, 79; Mr Anthony Miles, publisher, 67; Mr Richard Pasco, actor, 71; Sir Brooks Richards, former diplomat, 79; Sir Robert Speed QC, former Counsel to the Speaker, 92; Dr Martin

Stephenson, journalist, 59; Sir Jamie Stormonth Darling, former Director, National Trust for Scotland, 79; Mrs ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROYAL ENGAGENENTS
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Mary Stott, journalist, 90; Professor Steven Webb MP, 32; Dr Basil Wee-don, former Vice-Chancellor, Not-tingham University, 74; Mr Yevgeny

Anniversaries

Births: Dr William Gilbert Grace, cricketer, 1848. Deaths: Francesco Petrarca (Petrarch), poet and scholar, 1374. On this day: at Chap-paquiddick, Massachusetts, a car driven by Senator Edward Kennedy plunged off a narrow bridge, and a passenger, Mary Jo Kopechne, was drowned, 1969, Today is the Feast Day of St Arnoul or Arnulf of Metz. St Bruno of Segni, St Frederick of Utrecht and St Pambo.

Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 20.54pm. Degins in LORRATE at 2017-1412. United Synapopers: 0181-302 2263. Union of the di Synapopers: 0181-302 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synapopers: 0171-530 1663. Reform Synapopers: of Great Britain: 0181-329 4731. Spenish and Portugueze Jews Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New London Synapopers (Manortile 0171-328 1026.

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Jurisdiction on appeal against refusal to grant asylum Regina v Secretary of State for the

Home Department and anor, ex parte Robinson; Court of Appeal (Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice Brooke) 11 July 1997

The Immigration Appeal Tribunal had jurisdiction to consider a question arising under the "internal flight alternative" on an appeal under section 8 of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 against the refusal of leave to enter the United Kingdom.

The Court of Appeal dismissed the applicant's application for judicial review of the decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal to refuse leave to appeal against the refusal of his asylum application.

The applicant was a Sri ankan Tamil The Special Adjudicator had held that the mere fact of his past connection with the Tamil Tigers would not, ipso facto, lead to a risk or persecution, and that although he could not reasonably be expected to return to an area of Sri Lanka controlled by the Tamil Tigers he would not be at particular or unusual risk if returned to Colombo.

Nicholas Blake QC and Raza Husain (Nathan & Co) for the applicant; David Pannick QC and Alison Fos-ter (Treasury Solicitor) for the Home Secretary: Mark Shaw (Treasury Solicitor) for the Immigration Appeal

Lord Woolf MR handed down

the judgment of the court, which had been primarily prepared by Brooke LJ. The appeal raised three points of general importance: the scope of what was often called "the internal flight alternative", which was linked with the definition of "refugee" in the 1951 Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, as amended by the 1967 Protocol; whether the appellate authorities handling appeals under the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 had jurisdiction to consider issues relating to the internal flight alternative; and the scope of the duty, if any, on the Immigration Appeal Tribunal to consider issues which were not apparent

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peal when it decided whether Asylum and Immigration Apto grant leave to appeal from a Special Adjudicator.

It had been accepted by counsel for the Home Secretary that it was appropriate to in-terpret the country's obligations under the Convention by reference to paragraph 91 of the Handbook on Procedures and Criteria for Determining Refugee Status, published in 1979 by the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for

Refugees. In those circumstances, if a question arose whether an applicant for asylum might reasonably live in another part of his home country, where he had no fear of persecution, the auswer to that question went directly to the issue whether he should be properly treated as a "refugee" within the meaning of the Convention.

The reason why that was important in the present context was that the jurisdiction of the appellate authorities in asylum cases was derived excluon the face of a Notice of Apsively from section 8(1) of the

peals Act 1993. The Immigra-tion Appeal Tribunal had concluded in three cases decided between February 1995 and December 1996 that they had no jurisdiction to consider a question arising under the internal flight alternative because they did not believe that it impinged on this country's obligations under the

Convention.

It had been assumed in two recent cases in the Court of Appeal, without hearing argument, that those issues could be considered on a section 8 appeal: see Secretary of State for the Home Department v Ikhlaq (unreported, 16 April 1997) and R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, ex p Sivanentheran (un-

reported, 21 May 1997). The assumption on which those two cases acted was correct in

The Home Secretary and the appellate authorities would do well in future to adopt the approach that where it appeared that persecution was

confined to a specific part of a country's territory the decision maker should ask whether the claimant could find effective protection in another part of his own territory to which he or she might reasonably be

expected to move. The appellate authorities were not limited in their consideration of the facts by the arguments actually advanced by the asylum seeker or his representative. They were not required, however, to engage in a search for new points, and only should only take account of a point which had a strong prospect of success if argued.

Applying those principles to the present case, although it was clear that living in Colombo still created problems for Tamils from the north, it was far from being an obvious case of Colombo not being a safe haven or internal flight alternative, and the Tribunal had not erred in law in failing to recognise that the special adjudicator had not expressly dealt with it as such. The application was therefore dismissed.

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

A favourable answer to the Camilla Question

hould we care about Camilla? It is now plain as day that she and the Prince of Wales want to get married and are running a massive public relations operation to try to influence opinion in her favour. This is not, perhaps, as important for the future of the British Constitution as yesterday's decision by the Cabinet to hold the 1999 European elections on a proportional system. If two divorcees want to marry, it is difficult to follow the train of connections which make any difference to the lives of the rest of us, whereas the lapping of the tide of fair voting around the Gothic pil-lars of the Palace of Westminster could presage a democratic revolution. But the two issues are connected. This is not to argue, as some Conservatives do, that the Constitution is a finely balanced and complex structure that will collapse if any part of it is tampered with. Nor is it right to argue, as republicans do, that our archaic status as "subjects" rather than "citizens" inhibits democracy, and that electing a head of state would automatically free the people

from the yoke of ancient superstition. Part of the significance of the Camilla Campaign is that it reveals the extent to which we now have a democratic monarchy. Prince Charles realises that he can only get what he wants if the British public allow him to. This is an imperfect democratisation, to be sure, with the main tests of public opinion being newspaper polls, but it is no bad thing that he is

forced to take his case to the people. If Charles is to win sympathy and support, however, he will have to go further and, to borrow from the language of the new government, offer us a "people's monarchy". He has already convened a modern-day witan to advise him on the options. The manifesto it came up with included a cut in the list of official royals, allowing daughters to succeed to the throne on the same terms as sons, and cutting the link with the Church of England. These three proposals are welcome, although only the first can be acted on while the present Queen is alive. The issue the witan dodged was

money - taxpayers' money, to be more precise. A scheme was floated by the Prince's spin doctors for him to be given a chunk of land and property from the Crown Estate. The scaleddown Royal Family could then be supported on the income it generated, rather than having to go cap-in-hand to an increasingly resentful House of Commons every 10 years. This would be unsatisfactory, simply reversing the original transfer of the Crown Estate in return for the Civil List. And it would be a step in the wrong direction, because a people's monarchy should be more, not less, accountable to the people through their elected



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representatives. If the monarch needs a public subsidy, the case for it should be made, regularly, in the House of Commons (and the Crown Estate belongs to the nation, not to the Royal Family as individuals). The battle for public approval

brings Prince Charles squarely into the political bear-pit. It is another measure of the Royal Family's deference to democracy that the Prince of Wales has been doing the rounds of the new government in the hope that some of the New Labour magic will rub off on him. All that old hocus-pocus about the monarch's role being to advise and warn was never very true - Stanley Baldwin had to advise Edward VIII about the state of public opinion in 1936 - but now it has been fully reversed. Because Tony Blair is regarded not only as the king of public opinion, but also as having a constitutional obligation to advise Charles what to do, the Camilla Question presents the Prime Minister with a tricky problem. Perhans this will be one of the first issues to be put to the 5,000-strong People's Panel, when the Government sets it

Tricky, yes - but the outline of the

advice which should be given to Charles and Camilla is simpler than it might seem at first glance. Of course they can marry, in which case she would have to be called Queen. But they would have to do so on the same basis as everyone else. It is neither pos-sible nor desirable that the Royal Family should somehow exemplify a "better" morality than most of the rest of us can aspire to. If we accept that Tom, Dick and Harriet can split up and start new families, then we can accept it for Charles, Diana and Camilla, But their part of the deal is that they scale down their pretensions. We need a more modest monarchy, more visibly in touch with popular values, making fewer and better-justified demands on the public purse.

What sends some clerics and traditionalists running around in everdecreasing circles is the prospect of breaking the link between church and state. Apart from noting a quaint symmetry between the birth of the Church of England in one royal divorce-and-remarriage, and its death in another four centuries later, this is not worth dwelling on. Anyone who has failed to notice that Anglicanism is in no meaningful sense the state religion is supremely unqualified to advise Charles on anything. Disestablishment will solve most of the problems surrounding the remarriage

So the question of what to do with Camilla (many happy returns for yesterday, by the way) does not have much to do with the price of milk, or with jobs, education and health. But if the price of her rehabilitation is bringing the monarchy closer to the people, then it is a price worth paying. And if it is part of a thoroughgoing modernisation of our democracy, in which power indeed lies in accountable hands, then so much the

'Literature', at a cinema near you

The mystery of the record £750,000 advance for three novels from an unpublished author has been solved, we report today. It turns out that Keri Beevis's manuscripts have been beevis's manuscripts have been bought up as screenplays, with the Hollywood end of the deal close to being signed. Publishing is coming closer to being simply an arm of the film industry. Parents will already know: Rudyard Kipling's original Jundal Pack in a museum piece and manufactured. gle Book is a museum piece and most homes are more likely to have the Disney cartoon book of the film than a copy of the original. Instead of "now a major film" on books, films will soon carry the legend: "Now a minor book."

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Europe must fight US air threat

Sir: The proposed merger between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas (MDC) represents a huge concentration of market power and technical expertise. Turnover for the new Boeing Corporation is estimated at £48bn. Europe has been right to resist this merger because of the threat

US justifications for the merger argue that it is a question of national security. MDC is presented as a vital defence asset which has been in financial difficulty and is secured by the takeover. But Boeing/MDC together will have nearly 90 per cent of aircraft in service on the world's airlines. This has enormous effects regarding maintenance, servicing and regulation. MDC also has niche markets where Boeing is absent and a presence in regions where Boeing diplomacy has not borne fruit. Clearly the merger has serious consequences

The Pentagon has long provided vast resources for research and development which benefit commercial manufacturers. The US is a monopoly provider of security to countries it defines as friendly. High technology defence assets are a diplomatic tool and can be used to smooth or even guarantee commercial orders. Here Europe's weakness as a provider of security is a key factor and leaders should take note.

The market power of Boeing/MDC will be awesome. Boeing will have leading products in civil aeronautics, defence and space. Boeing will be able to offer the Pentagon unrivalled systems integration capabilities. The merger will create a Leviathan not subject to market constraints.

Airbus and makes greater support imperative. The 1992 Bilateral Agreement is iniquitous and should be scrapped. Restrictions on indirect support in the US cannot be policed. Everyone knows the US industry receives massive support from Nasa, and the Department of Defense, but it is difficult to quantify.

Europe is in substantial deficit with the US in aerospace trade. If a trade war is to be threatened then who has the most to lose? Europe must beware of

decisions. Europe must substantially increase the budget for aeronautics R&D. A blueprint should be drawn up for rationalisation of the European aerospace industry. If Brussels cannot do this it should be done intergovernmentally by the key

Europe needs to realise the scale of the US threat and to decide on the actions necessary to secure its own acrospace future. By the end of the century it will be too late. Professor PHILIP LAWRENCE

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to the European aerospace industry.

on the commercial side.

The merger increases pressure on

We should bear in mind that

overestimating US power.

If the merger goes ahead the EU should not be afraid to take tough aerospace countries.

simply bad government MATTHEW TAYLOR MP Director, Aerospace Research Group University of the West of England House of Commons London SW1

> Sir: I wonder why the Home Office wants to "look at what other firearms controls are needed to safeguard the public. The Home no indication that the current legislation and administrative the absence of any evidence to indicate there is a problem, the

> ownership for ideological reasons. The great raft of firearms law that is already on the statute books



Yet another curb on firearms

Sir: Alun Michael, Minister of State at the Home Office, says the Government is going to look again at all gun controls once the ban on handguns is completed ("Purge on rifles and shotguns", 17 July).

If the Government is about to announce a new round of firearms restrictions, this time on rifles, shotguns and airguns, it should say so now. Many former legitimate handgun owners are now replacing these with legitimate alternatives. either for sport or for pest control. Unexpected further restrictions will be unfair on those involved and place an even larger compensation burden on the

axpayer. Two major pieces of legislation restricting handguns in less than a year can perhaps be excused by a change of government. Three separate shots at it in a year is (Truro and St Austell, Lib Dem)

Office minister Alun Michael gives practice is in any way deficient. In setting up of a review will look less like a concern for public safety and more like an attack on legal gun

provides effective remedies against those who misuse any firearms, including air weapons. Rather than imposing further restrictions, the police and the courts must operate he criminal justice system in an efficient manner. Young people are already heavily controlled when it comes to the possession of firearms. No evidence has been advanced to suggest that these restrictions are in any way

inadequate.
Whilst the number of shotgun certificates has fallen by over 25 per cent since 1989, armed crime has risen dramatically during the same period. This is the real problem that the police and Home Office ought to be addressing. WILLIAM HARRIMAN Marford, Clwyd

'Red plot' just a signals mix-up

Sir: In citing "mid-1943" as the time when British liaison officers with Mihailovic's Chetniks in Serbia began to think that Special Operations Executive (SOE) Cairo moles must be sabotaging their telegrams, Aleksa Gavrilovic (Letters, 11 July) evidently did not know about the cipher crisis which hit SOE just at that time. It affected all of us in the Balkans, as the number of missions expanded more quickly

than anyone had foreseen. Staff shortages mainly affected the cipher office, which was fast approaching gridlock, pending

the arrival of additional trained staff being rushed from Britain. Many of our more senior liaison officers in the field, familiar with conventional army procedures and radio networks, could not understand that claudestine communications from enemy territory had to be organised along completely different lines. Unfamiliar with all the technical problems involved, some officers, perhaps not surprisingly, were inclined to attribute the delays to

sabotage. We in Signals investigated some of the worst cases at great length. Of course some mistakes were made. But I never came across any examples of culpable negligence, let alone deliberate HWKING

Law fails the servants of God

Argyll

Sir: Apart from Fr Nicolson (letter, 15 July), I'm sure I'm not the only Anglican priest who feels very concerned at the Court of Appeal's refusal to allow Fr Alex Coker to pursue his case for unfair dismissal (report, 12 July). Lord Justice Staughton's remark on the impossibility of serving documents

on God is silly as well as insensitive. I am not in a position to argue the rights and wrongs of Fr Coker's case. Maybe justice was done by the bishop, but it has not been seen our hands. The Department of Transport's latest review of the

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to be done; maybe injustice has been done, but we shall never know. I certainly think the employment protection law should be changed to include all licensed Anglican clergy, because as things stand bishops wield unaccountable power over them, sometimes resulting in sackings, sometimes being moved elsewhere for reasons

which will not stand up to close

scrutiny.

Can the Church be content with a lower standard of personnel management than that enacted in the law of the land? If a bishop claims the right to fire a priest on the grounds that God is his employer, then what right has the bishop to hire a priest? Fr JOHN YOUNG

Policy on the road to collapse Sir: It is impossible to square a

government policy of traffic restraint with plans to continue large-scale road-building. In opposition, the Labour Party were adamantly against "predict and provide", recognising that traffic congestion could be solved only through a modal shift away from the car. Now it seems that all that has changed.

If your article "Green blow as road schemes get go-ahead" (16 July) is correct, we have a collapse of government transport policy on country's remaining road schemes was expected to confirm that latent demand for road space would overwhelm any attempt to provide more of it. The Midlands and the South-east are the most congested parts of the country. But it is precisely in these areas that latent demand is at its highest, which is why funding for local road-building has now switched to public

transport improvements.

Those of us working and living in highly congested areas were well aware of the need to ration car use. A national travel awareness campaign, Travelwise, is now flourishing in 50 local authorities around the country, and local Agenda 21 groups are taking on the important issue of traffic reduction as part of the UK's Rio commitment.

I sincerely hope that next week's announcement will contain no surprise and that we can all continue to support a government which will not make the mistakes of the previous administration. MATT BEALE-COLLINS London SE24

Cash in

Sir: Further to your recent correspondence on delays in clearing cheques, the simplest method to stop the bank from messing around with one's account would be actually to visit your bank. withdraw cash from your account and then hand in cash to the required account to be credited. Not only would your withdrawal be noted at once but the second account would also be credited at once, not with five days' delay. Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Unjust bar on older workers

Sir: There are thousands of older unemployed people in Britain who are desperate to work at almost any job and almost any wage but who are turned down for employment time after time because they are considered too old ("Across the Atlantic: grey power is the US secret weapon", 9 July).

In a recent survey, about 13 per cent of older people had been openly turned down for jobs because they were "too old". A further 8 per cent were turned down because they were "overqualified". But many other employers, questioned by would-be workers about the reasons for their rejection, admitted that applicants were automatically disqualified by being in their forties or lifties.

Various ways of helping mature people back to work have been propounded. Most never get off the ground, and those that do totter along shakily from year to year because they need money for essentials, such as a roof over their heads, electricity, telephones and stationery. Not vast sums. Not the £6,000m it is costing the country to keep over-45-year-olds on benefits every year. Not the £3bn the Government proposes to put into welfare-to-work for a relatively few under-25-year-olds. Unfortunately the two obvious sources for such funding, the Employment Service and the Training and Enterprise Councils, are for the most part unwilling to find even these modest Should "delayered" accountants

and engineers, "downsized" marketing men and secretaries. "redundant" salesmen, "failed" entrepreneurs and "early retired" teachers and bank managers hang around on street corners, drinking from cans and frightening old adies? Should they put bricks through shop windows in moments of frustration? Should they shout and swear and threaten? Should even more of them commit suicide than already do? Is this an essential step to work?

No one expects the Government to solve the problem of mature unemployment overnight, but hope could be restored if, unlike its predecessor, it could persuade the Employment Service and the TECs to support organisations working for this cause. JULIA C EVANS Brecon, Powys

Backing Blair

Sir: You are in error in reporting (30 June, 12 July) that National Labour Students have called for a postnonement of the "Party into Power" process, Labour Students are wholehearted supporters of the new Labour Party having the structures to meet the challenges and opportunities of government. Labour must continue to modernise and modernise without

MICHAEL DUGHER National Chair Labour Students London SE17

Ducks' day out

Sir: Any self-respecting duck knows that families of 17 ducklings don't exist - especially not one-parent families (photograph, 16 July). Clearly your clever photographer snapped a school outing, teacher in front, on a Downing Street study group excursion. Quack! KARLERUGE London N20

In his new report, Sir David Ramsbotham,

treatment of female

the price they pay for their crimes and

often impose higher costs than benefits



Double stigma for women in jail

wrong side of the prison door. On a visit to Winchester, I had been sitting on a prison bed, making the most of an opportunity to talk to inmates, when a woman appeared at the door. "You do realise you're locked in, don't you?" she said. "I don't think they know you're still here."

I left the room, and walked to the locked grille, trying to look less unsettled than I felt. Through the bars was a shiny, empty corridor. Behind me was the cacophony of noise that women make the most of "free association".

"It's all right," said the woman. "Look, you can buzz them. They'll come and get

Aliya was not so lucky. She sat on her bed by the window, under the posters of George Clooney and photographs of her 16-year-old son. "I lost my house in the second week on remand. In fact, I've lost every-thing. I didn't think I was going down, so I hadn't even taken

new rate may be lower than this.

This change will take effect on 1st August 1997.

Please note that this date does not apply:

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except in respect of loans on the annual review scheme.

It is a simple truth, oft repeated by authorities and prisoners alike, that women in prison have a lot more to lose than men. Since changes in housing benefit rules in 1995, most of them lose their homes, being unable to pay the rent. They lose their children: only 32 per cent are looked after by fathers or grandmothers. The vast majority of women are deserted by their partners not bad, she says. The women ("usually to their best friend," have painted it pink, and the one prisoner remarks wryly); comes when 11 incarcerated and when they come out they have to contend with the from the looming men's prison "double stigma" of being a female offender.

Yet, in the past four years, there has been a 76 per cent increase in the number of women imprisoned. These are of popular myth (in fact, violent crimes by women dropped by 16 per cent in the same period). Asked by the Ramsbotham report what had led to their imprisonment, out of 24 possible categories nearly a third of to recommend that there anything round my mum's, inmates surveyed ticked

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"t is an unnerving feeling Then the Social called me and "Alcohol/drugs", while 18 per to find yourself on the told me someone had nicked cent named "Need for money. or debt". To hear their stories is to wonder how the monetary cost - and the social cost - of putting these women in jail

balances any benefit. Aliya's new home is the women's annexe at Winchester Prison. She shares it with 84 other women, many of whom have been there since it was opened in 1995 as part of the prison service's attempts to accommodate the increase. It is have painted it pink, and the carefully tended prison garden and hanging washing detract next door. The signs requesting women "not to use the floor as an ashtray - it kills the cockroaches" are apparently a joke.

Winchester is, however, a far cry from some of the women's units identified in the Ramsbotham report, such as Low Newton, whose facilities "are not sufficient to meet the needs of unsentenced women prisoners"; or Risley, whose "ongoing problems ... lead us

should be an alternative local

prison". Winchester's "best serious inadequacies in the overall organisation and management of prisons for women in this country".

"It's like a week in a shopping centre, here. It's better than Holloway, anyway. That's a hell-hole. When I first went in I was in such a state they gave me valium, kept me valiumed says Aliya, adding: "It might have been a good thing." The Independent was told that there would be no press access to Holloway. At Winchester, the inmates

have an unusual degree of freedom. They are allowed access to each other's rooms even when their landing is locked. and most of them take education or gym classes on a daily basis. They write endless letters to cope with confinement. Some, such as Aliya, correspond daily with male prisoners, as "they understand how important letters are".

The staff, they say, "are all right. They come in every morning; bang on the windows to make sure we haven't loosened the panes. It's quite funny," says Aliya. Her roommate, Wendy, says that they are not allowed to put posters on the outside wall, since the film The Shawshank Redemption showed an inmate digging an escape hole behind his poster.
Like Aliya, Wendy, 39, is a first-time offender, serving four

years related to drugs importing. According to the Rams-botham report, 45 per cent of female prisoners have no previous convictions, and 70 per cent have not been in prison

"I was stupid, because I had a good job," says Wendy. "I just wanted to provide for my family. My mum had gone bank-

lems, and I was providing here there and everywhere. They her £75. But she is not complaining. offered me more money than I could earn in a year ..." She tails off, embarrassed. She asks

she is working abroad.

Ask any of the women what are the hardest things about prison, and they say the same: being separated from their fam-ilies; their guilt at having left their children; and having dis-

6 According to prison staff, foster parents are often judgemental about the women's crimes, and won't bring children to visit 9

appointed their parents. Wendy has two girls, aged 24 and 11, and a six-year-old grandson.
"My mum's taking care of them. That makes a lot of difference; my eldest girl could have gone the other way at one point. My partner? He isn't around any more." How long did he wait for her, I ask. "Oh, he stuck around about two months." She laughs bitterly. "Everyone here pretty well has

the same story."
Wendy is knitting booties. A couple of pairs will pay for a packet of cigarettes. "I don't earn much - the top wage is around £7.50 a week, and you pay £3 for fags," she says. "It's difficult for our families to help us. The other week my mum came down with my daughter. rupt, there were family prob- By the time they'd got here and

In a previous prison she did not see her children at all. This is me not to use her full name; not uncommon. According to: prison staff and campaigners, some of her family still believe foster parents are often judgemental about the women's crimes, and won't bring children to visit.

Even when the women ring un, the kids are always just having their dinner, says Petronella Davis, who is welfare advice officer for the Creative and Support Trust (Cast), based in north London. Tve known couples where both parents are asked women prisoners what in prison; the man got to see his would help them not to rekids, but the foster mother thought that if the woman was in prison, she must be a very,

very bad person." Children, she says, take the separation hard. They wet the hed, have nightmares, play up at home and school, Aliya's son lives with his grandmother. "He doesn't show much emotion. because of his age. But he's not doing too well," Aliya says quietly. "Not really."

The worst time in the prison. say the staff, is 3.45pm on visiting day, shortly before children have to leave. "It is heartbreaking," says one. "But the women go back to their landing and take care of each other."

Winchester's unusually relaxed atmosphere is partly due, staff say, to the high proportion of drugs couriers in the prison ("I'd rather have them than someone in for GBH, ABH or arson," says one officer). But the governor, Richard Cavanagh, who has worked in the prison service for 26 years, says that most women's prisons have huge problems with bullying and self-harm. Bullying at Winchester is "not unknown", but is firmly dealt

freedom to move around and keep occupied, and to the officers' willingness to talk.

"These women do lose everything," he says. The majority of prisoners who harm themselves have done it out of sheer frustration, because no one will listen. Once they feel safe, and heard, you can work with them."

Wendy and Aliya look after each other. Both are now counting the days until their release dates. But their problems are unlikely to end there. When the Ramsbotham report offend, the top three answers were: a home: a job: support. According to welfare workers, however, these are precisely the things that may elude them

when they finish their sentence. Petronella Davis says that many women's first day out of prison is spent at a homeless persons' unit, to get them and their children some form of temporary accommodation. Getting a job can be even more problematic. The women know this, and say that just as they feel more shame than men,

they are judged more harshly. Groups such as Women In Prison say this is partly due to the demonisation of women criminals, and the media 'myth" of the increasingly violent woman. These views, they say, are translated into the practice of the courts.

"I think we have to get these figures into proportion. There's been all this stuff about Tank Girl, girl gangs, books with titles like Deadlier Than The Male," says Women in Prison's director, Chris Tchaikovsky. "Yet there are currently 2,500 men serving time for murder, and 99 women. You have a 27 times greater chance of being

she'd left me £10, it had cost of self-harm to the women's murdered by a man." Last month the National Association of Probation Officers concluded that there "did appear to be evidence that a harsher sentencing climate had evolved" for women.

It is not just the women themselves who bear the cost. To the taxpayer's burden of keeping a woman in prison must often be added the cost of placing her children in care, the cost of rehousing them when they leave, the cost of keeping a family on benefits when the woman finds it difficult to get a job. And that is before you consider the cost to society of fractured families and dam-

Meanwhile, Winchester's female prison population has increased by 25 per cent in two years. At present, its recidivism rate, like its social problems, is unusually low, but David Cavanagh says the prison's careful balancing act will not be maintained if he is forced to accommodate any more

As the grille closes on Wendy and Aliya's landing, I ask him whether he is concerned about the huge rise in the number of women prisoners. Mindful of his position, I say that he can speak off the record, but he declines. "I think the prison service is wise to separate itself from sentencing policy," he says carefully.

OK. I say, bearing in mind the women you see, do you think that a similar decrease in the women's prison population would create a significant risk to the public?

"I think courts would need to revisit reasons why they send people to prison." he says,

And I am let out - through the metal grilles, and into the bright sunshine.

all tar

Pox-hunting and other country tales

with. He ascribes the low level

Vell, it's midsummer again, and time for country walks, and rambles in the fields, and being shouted at by angry farmers, and finding footpaths blocked by barbed wire, and all that sort of thing that the British do so

Not unnaturally I am being inundated with queries about life in the countryside. And that means it is time again to bring on our no-nonsense nature expert. Herb Robert, to answer all your questions on wildlife - all yours, Herbie! Why do dead fish float on

the surface of rivers and canals? Herb Robert writes: So that seagulls can eat them.

Why are wagtails called Herb Robert writes: Because they wag their tails.

No, no, hold on a minute, that's not strictly true, is it? I mean, dogs wag their tails from side to side, which is what we call wagging. But wagtails oscillate their tails up

nodding. They should be called nodtails, if anything. Herb Robert writes: All right, wise guy. Let's take this one slowly. What do humans do when they are in disagreement?

They say, "I disagree". Herb Robert writes: Yes, yes, but if they don't say anything? If they just use body language? They shake their heads. Herb Robert writes: Ah

ha! So when humans do it to their heads, it's called shaking, but when dogs do it to their tails it's called wagging, is that right? Yes, I suppose so.

Herb Robert writes: You're just a troublemaker.

I have often heard it said that animals who are in danger like to be downwind of their attackers. That is, a rabbit can smell a fax upwind, and a fox can smell hounds upwind and so on. Herb Robert writes: Ye-

So it makes sense for animals to get to windward of their attackers, or potential



Miles Kington

Herb Robert writes: Ye-

Well, as the prevailing wind in Britain is a west wind, which blows most of the time, an animal to the east of its hunter can always smell it, so you would expect animals in Britain to move to the east - on the whole - to be in a safer position. Herb Robert writes: Ye-

Therefore, over a long period of time, you would expect a general drift to the cast of the island among

hunted animals, followed of course by their hunters. So it would only be natural if you found that the eastern side of Britain was much more heavily populated by animals who were moving to the east to avoid being smelt, and that the west was almost completely denuded of

animals. Is this in fact so? Herb Robert writes: No. You are talking rubbish. Attractive rubbish, but still

Do you approve of poxhunting?

Herb Robert writes: I most certainly do. The quest to eradicate smallpox was one of the most exciting missions of modern man, Ah, yes, many's the time I've been out in the early dawn with a bunch of pink-coated scientists, chasing the pox over dale and hill!

And now I'm glad to say the little bugger has been eradicated. No more smalipox! Geese and chickens can now sleep safe at night, knowing they will never have dreadfully scarred faces. Of course, that means no more poxhunting, and sometimes I miss the old days, but I think this is a small price to

Sorry - did I say "pox-hunting". Of course I meant "fox-hunning"!.

Herb Robert writes: Now, there are some people who were vehemently against pox-hunting, and said that a virus was just as much God's creation as a human being, and of course we had lots of trouble with saboteurs in the laboratory -I'm sorry? Did you say

something?
Yes. The other day, at the for edge of a field, I noticed three hirds hovering absolutely motionless side by side. They were so still you couldn't even see the wings moving. Then a fourth bird joined them in this strange hovering performance but directly overhead the other three. What on earth was

going on?
Herb Robert writes: They were sitting on telephone wires, you idiot.

Thanks again, Herbic. Keep those nature inquiries rolling in!

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Euro elections could break the Tories' patched-up party

esterday's Cabinet deci-sion to hold the 1999 European elections under proportional representation may appear at first glance of interest only to constitutional reform anoraks. It is anything but. For the hugely relieved Liberal Democrats, it not only yields up more electoral territory to win, it also exorcises a demon: the memory of David Steel's failure to extract that very reform in return for propping up Jim Callaghan's minority govern-ment 20 years ago. But it is schism in the Tory party that remains by far the most seismic

of its potential consequences. That there was not more evidence of a Tory split after William Hague's election as leader was due more to the vanquished than to the victor. Kenneth Clarke paid a mag-nanimous visit to Mr Hague's victory party. He then went on to persuade deeply hesitant figures on the pro-European left of the party - such as Stephen Dorrell, David Curry and Ian Taylor - to accept posts in the shadow team, despite Mr Hague's Euroscepticism. They did so under a novel formula which relieved them of the obligation to defend Mr Hague's promise to oppose for at least 10 years British entry into a single cur-rency, but required them not to attack it, either. Does the north look, on the face of it, a party desperate to reunite at almost any price? Why on earth, therefore, should it break apart over something as trivial and hitherto mind-numbingly un-interesting to the public as

elections to the European Parliament? The reasons have to do in about equal measure with the principles and personal ambitions of some not very well-known Tory politicians, those who either hold, or aspire to hold, seats as members of the EU parliament.

It is theoretically possible that Mr Hague will draw up for the European elections a manifesto so bland that even the most ardent pro-European could comfortably live with it. It is doubtful, however, whether dominant figures of the Shadow Cabinet, the Howards, Lilleys and Redwoods, would allow him to do that even if he wanted to. The notion that a referendum on the Amsterdam treaty, given the new administration's current popularity and the modesty of the changes agreed at the sum-mit, would result in anything but a huge vicfor the Government, is absurd; but that did not stop Mr Hague calling for one. Mr Howard, in particular, has not let up in trying to commit the party to renegotiating, under threat of withdrawal, the terms of British membership of the EU, something he fondly imagines may prove an election winner in 2001 or 2002. All the omens are that Mr Hague will insist on a manifesto that at the very least reiterates outright opposition to British EMU membership on any foreseeable timetable, and which would therefore be hard to stomach for at least 15 of the 18 sitting Conservative MEPs, not to mention those of the ex-MEPs who aspire to return to Strasbourg.

That might not be enough on its own to provoke a breakaway; but it may well be compounded by the party's choice of candidates. First, most of the party's incumbent MEPs come from the South-east, so there will be fierce competition among them for limited places on the same regional list. Second, the leader will be under intense pressure to purge some of those notoriously pro-European per-



Donald Macintyre

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or at least to put them sufficiently low down the lists to give them little chance of victory. So there may be a practical, as well as a principled, reason for these Strasbourg aspirants to form their own pro-European centre-right grouping, with their own can-didates' list, manifesto and business backing: namely, that it would, thanks to a PR system, provide easily their best (per-haps their only) chance of being

nlike Suzy Menkes I can't claim that I

have had the hon-

our of being

banned from a

Versace fashion show. All I

can say is that I once had a

ticket to one in Milan and

couldn't be bothered. This was not because I didn't try, simply

that I wasn't made of strong enough stuff to face the scrum

of shricking fashion editors

who were shoving their way in.

I merely observed grown women sobbing because their jobs depended on seeing this

collection of sound-bite, rock

'n roll, "do me" dresses. Now

that the great man is dead these same fashion editors,

whose expertise depends on

knowing 24 words for taupe,

are having to stretch their vocabularies to find words to

describe murder and blood and

rent-boys. Real life has momen-

tarily interrupted their fantasy

world in the form of real death.

Or am I being unfair? Hasn't fashion always dealt with "issues" other than whether

white was the new black,

whether bags were in or out,

whether women over size 8

should be allowed out in public never mind the catwalk, whether

junkies wearing mantillas held up by what look like human

remains are really cutting edge.

whether anything ever really matters if you have the perfect

beige cashmere sweater? Fash-

ion, after all, is a serious business

and we should take it seriously.

The fashion world has been devastated by Aids, they care enormously about the environ-

ment and breast cancer and

racism and they have benefits

and make clothes that encour-

OK, so it's easy enough to sneer at this trivial, insular and

self-indulgent little planet. As

Boris Johnson said of Versace's

death, "Contemplating the

headlines, many of us feel we

are rubbing our noses up

against the windowpane of a

secret world that speaks a pri-

vate language." What will they

say when someone really great dies, he wailed. Of course the

world of high fashion may appear like this, but is it any

more insular and secret than

the worlds of politics, of art, of

film? Each of these worlds has

its insiders, its stars, its cheer-

leaders and its dissidents. Each

of these worlds has a language

and a structure that the average

punter does not fully under-

stand. If anything fashion by its very nature is the most demo-

cratic of art forms. We all get

dressed in the morning, we all

make fashion decisions whether

consciously or not. Even the

person who says "I never think

about what I look like" has

relationship of fashion to the

rest of the world has been high-

lighted by this shocking event.

Versace has been painted a

lone genius rather than head of

a large creative team who actu-

ally produced his vision. For

designers like Versace there is

Yet our confusion about the

already thought about it.

age world peace.

What, supposing these heady events so unfolded, would be the role of the party's still biggest active politician, Mr Clarke? It is still doubtful that he, and therefore his supporters on the front bench, would overtly support a 1999 break-away of that sort. But a respectable showing by such a grouping would carry its own um: for one thing, it would create a new con-stituency within Conservatism whose interests lay in securing PR for Westminster, thus making a "yes" vote in a referendum on Commons electoral reform all the more likely.

There is an irony here; throughout his political life Mr Clarke has been a committed first-past-the-post man. But if a referendum delivered PR for the Commons, then, and perhaps not until then, the temptation for him, and perhaps Chris Patten too, to create new business-friendly, broadly pro-European party of the centre right would surely be irresistible.

For despite the doubts clouding the future of EMU, it still looks as though the big money in politics is not going to follow the Europhobes. Next

week's report of the CBI survey on EMU will show that while the membership was divided over whether Britain should enter a single currency in the first wave - and voted on balance against it - it dismissed by a large majority the Hague notion of ruling it out for a decade. The CBI has probably never before diverged so decisively from Conservative party policy.

Conversely, Gordon Brown's speech yes-

terday, emphatically keeping open the option of EMU membership, emphasises the harmony between CBI thinking and New Labour's. A new Cabinet subcommittee is to consider party funding, but Blair's personal inclinations - unlike those of many in his party - have tended against state funding. It is a sign of how far times have changed that because of the par ties' respective attitudes on Europe, Mr Hague may be more starved of business funding - and therefore more in need of state funds - than Labour. All this provides the prospect, enticing for

Labour, of a split Conservative party, guaranteeing a Blair premiership for several partiaments. But yesterday's decision, momentous as it is, doesn't guarantee that Mr Blair will back Commons PR (or even the not truly proportional Alternative Vote system, a compror still being advocated by Peter Mandelson). He isn't, genuinely, yet persuaded of the case for reform. He wants the long-term hegemony that it would help to confer; but he has surely not given up all hope that he can have it without a change to the electoral system, and without presiding over a multi-party coalition.

The European elections nevertheless provide a laboratory in which to test the impact of electoral reform. Kenneth Clarke is one politician who will be waiting and watching for the results; the other is Tony Blair.

The not so discreet objects of desire

by Suzanne Moore



always life after death, because trade marks live forever. His Medusa buttons enable instant brand recognition, which is important for the kind of people who want to be branded in this way. Clothes were only part of his massive empire. As with Yves St Laurent and Calvin Klein, the name itself has become a commodity The outpouring of grief from

in which women were questioning power and what it meant to be a working woman, in which the nouveau riche wanted both to be classy and classless, expensively tasteless and in which the cult of celebrity recruited entire populations. While other designers,

Versace, we see a time in which

Post-Aids "Look but don't

touch" culture was on the rise.

was neither revolutionary nor reactionary, just an astute businessman who sold no more and no less than what has always been sold to women. There were very few Versace frocks that could be worn with underwear, it matters not whether Versace was gay or straight for despite the much-vaunted shock value of his boudoir imagina-

tion was to turn women from

subjects to objects. The twist was

that women chose this for them-

a designer like Vivienne West-

wood who, for all her battiness.

talks of sexiness as being about

what feels sexy to the woman

herself. "At my age I'd rather have a bit of flab, I actually

Contrast this approach with

seives.

"The issue becomes one of the wearer's libido, rather than one of being attractive'. Westwood fosters the idea of a self-defined feminine libido, however demented, which communicates itself idiosyneratically through dress ... The sexiness she expounds is autonomous: if the wearer thinks it is sexy, then it is". It is this autonomy, the opening up of sexuality that makes Westwood such an exciting designer, more transgressive than someone like Versacc

could ever be.

their book Women and Fashior

To complain then that fashion is somehow insignificant is to miss the point. It is precisely about making the insignificant signify something, about giving meaning to a cut, a button, a texture, a look. The fact that people spend vast amounts of money in order to demonstrate their individuality and all end up looking the same is the great paradox that drives it to continually restyle itself. Whatever its losses, the fashion world will continue churning out its clothes and we will continue to desire and dismiss them in the same breath. As Versacc's death illustrates, even when the emperor is naked there are always those ready to rip the

Despite the much vaunted shock value, Versace designed clothes that were essentially sexually conservative

the fashion cognoscenti has such as his rival Armani, and were essentially sexually conbeen somewhat over the top even for those whose profession is going over the top. Gianni could wear at work, day to evening wear, Versace made have been the ultimate fashion clothes that were definitely for victim but he has not died for any particular cause.
The muddle over whether he

was a misogynist or, as he claimed, able to give back "femininity" to women is further evidence of our schizophrenic attitude to fashion. There is no other popular art form that we would treat so simplistically. Nor would we place it in a vac-uum devoid of historical and cultural context. So we have Versace who, with his tarty, showy frocks, emphasised sexual availability as a source of power for women, who helped them play once more; or we have Versace, the gay misogynist who squeezed women into tacky dresses inspired by the prostitutes he saw as a boy.

Donna Karan, were designing servative in that their very funcfunctional clothes that women evening wear, Versace made going out in, for showing off in. This was power dressing for those whose power rested on pay and display and they appealed to everyone from East End girls to genuinely powerful women such as Madonna and Demi Moore.

Such decadence depended on a sense of artifice that is intrinsic to fashion, for if clothes are not about surface, identity and fantasy what are they about? Versace's frocks were for women who in John Berger's famous description "Watch themselves being looked at ... The surveyor of women in herself is male: the surveyed female. Thus she turns herself into an object ..." Versace merely gave women a guiding hand in what they were already skilled at. He Yet if we look at the rise of

new clothes off his still warm think that's more sexy. I like my own body." As Caroline Evans corpse and say they are the and Minna Thornton say in greatest thing ever. Sorry BT

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Lines in praise of 'traditional' poetry Can 'on the page' poets compete with a performance superstar? No contest, says Ruth Padell

66 BBC producer, "to have an inforwho don't buy poetry mal discussion with a poet who's getting a million pounds for a CD. We want a traditional poet to put another perspective. We'll be asking questions like, 'Can traditional poetry survive?"
"What do you mean by traditional?" I

asked.

There was one of those deep phone silences when you hear milli-miles of wire writhing away under London. I had a guess.

"Do you mean 'poetry on the page?"

"Yes," she said. "As opposed to poetry for the young. Poetry on disc." She was voicing an assumption which canters loose round the media every day, that

poetry is "difficult", traditional and, therefore, like fox-hunting, endangered. Its habitat is the page, another traditional, endangered thing. Poetry's "way forward" must involve the two touchstones of modernity, electronics and "the young" In fact, "the young" from 13 to 20 read and

buy poetry by the ton. It gets listened to, talked about passionately, jokily, easily, all over the country, everywhere from pubs to schools to prisons to the Internet - by the young. Many of the best poets live by teaching in schools. It is hard, badly paid work; but is creating - for the country, if you're going to be grand about it - a body of "the young" who think poetry by living poets addresses issues in their own lives, can be playful as well as serious, and is out

They know some poets are more "difficult" than others, but trust them to communicate, as good pop lyries do. After a reading by Carol Anne Duffy, Paul Durcan, Jo Shapcott, Simon Armitage or Heancy, there are signing queues a mile long, swarming with people under 20.

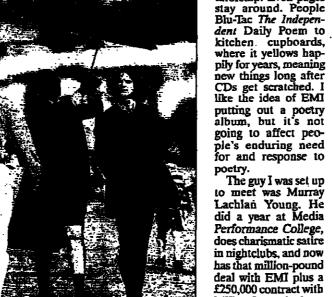
may include thirty-something mediafolk, but not "the young".

"Can poetry survive without electronics?" No question. "It survives," said W H Anden of Four Weddings and a Funeral fame in his even more famous elegy for Yeats, "in the valley of its making. A way of happening. A mouth." It because survives people need it, write it, think with it. They welcome it on the tube. Poets are economically challenged, publishers sign up cookery books to compensate money lost on a poetry list, but poetry itself is alive and saying new things in new ways; keeping in touch with its past, with what's happening in other places, eager to take new risks. Pity

more people don't go for it, but that's their loss.

I thought poets should be generous to each poetry will survive without them. Whether they other. Murray emphatically agreed, though his dard on the housing estate where the Rice boys survive without poetry is another question.

Poetry's into electronics already. It is huge on the Internet. But for electronics you need electricity: electronics is a parasite on the culture, as you realise when the power goes down at a supermarket. Poetry is there in a crisis, the power cut, the sudden bereavement, the dic-



A hit? Murray Lachian Young, EMI's £1m poet, with his butter Daily Record

ple's enduring need for and response to The guy I was set up to meet was Murray Lachlan Young. He did a year at Media Performance College, does charismatic satire in nightclubs, and now has that million-pound deal with EMI plus a £250,000 contract with MTV. Good luck to him, I felt; but he

didn't seem to feel the same about me when our eyes met in the make-up mirror. I said idea of it seemed a bit one-way. He wasn't conspicuously generous to poets who'd said his

work was crap. "Can't get published them-selves," he said; which wasn't true. I hope he sells. I think the idea's fun. One friend of mine, whose opinion I'd take over most people's, enjoys Murray's performance

cabaret numbers. Her favourite is a straight man getting outed at a gay bar. But on the page, the work is - well, there's sometimes a nice tension between the Christmas cardy, traditionally predictable thump and rhyme, and the sting of the situation. He's getting money for presentation, not poetry. Kids reared on "Poetry in Schools", surfing the poetry magazines on the Internet, will want something more musically interesting, designed and generous. Maybe it wasn't very nice to say that on telly; but I wished him well, and you've got to risk people not being nice to you for a million And it's not much of a risk compared with

some. I'm reading a new book of poems called Impedimenta (retailing at £3) by the Protestant Ulster poet Adrian Rice, who knows more about poetry and risk than Murray ever will. Jokey, witty, subtle, his poems have a go at the values of his particularly sensitive community. in a particularly sensitive time.

The more honour to his community, you'd say, for producing a poet who questions it from within. But not everyone agrees. A poem from his last book was about Masons giving out "jobs for the boys", and he happened to be in The Honest Ulsterman when his brother, a policeman, was having a laugh with a couple of colleagues. One suddenly asked, "Would that be your brother's poem?" "It would," he said, "Bit close to the bone, was it?" Banter grew up. But things flipped at this point. "Does

your brother want his house burnt down?" Poetry on the page and in the mind musically designed, deeply felt words, shared dangerously between audience and poet - has always mattered and always will. Whatever

BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER Breach of court order may force SFO to pulp report

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

The Serious Fraud Office faces new embarrassment after being forced to withdraw from sale and possibly destroy thousands of copies of its latest annual re-port. The SFO has also had to write to those who have already asking them to disregard a sec-

tion that puts the office in the humiliating position of breaching a court order.

The SFO is currently deciding whether to pulp the re-maining copies of its report or replace the offending page. The error was realised too late, however, to do anything about the many early copies of the rereceived copies of the report port that had already been sent out to the press and others.

A letter from the red-faced fraud office has been sent to the report's recipients, reminding them they, too, are limited by the count's reporting restrictions. Because of this The Independent is unable to give any further details of the SFO's error.

However, the climbdown is a serious embarrassment for the SFO and its new director Rosalind Wright, who only took

Mrs Wright used the report to publicise a list of recommendations for changing the current system of prosecuting fraud

and regulating the City.
This week's faux pas will have serious repercussions at the SFO if it undermines its credibility at the same time as it is calling for broader powers to

control of the office in April. It combat the rising levels of fiit needed make a change before
comes less than a week after nancial fraud that it highlighted the final version was printed. in its annual report. The report showed a sharp increase in the number of cases of suspected fraud against investors.

It is understood the error in the report slipped through because the court order it breaches was imposed after the completion of an early draft.

after a run of successful convictions by the SFO which appeared to be restoring its reputation. The office has come in for widespread criticism since its founding in 1988 after failing to secure convictions in a number of high-profile prosecutions.
In a letter to the Attorney-

general on Monday, Mrs Wright called for the creation of a single investigatory body to replace the current system which sees responsibility for prosecuting fraud split between the SFO, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Department of Trade and Industry. She said it was time for recommendations made 11 years ago by Lord Roskill to be

More lenders push up mortgage rates

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Diame Coyle Economics Editor

A week after the Bank of England raised interest rates, the Halifax and the Nationwide Building Society both an-nounced increases in their mortgage and savings rates yesterday.
The decision had been expected after other lenders, nopected after other lenders, no-tably Abbey National and Cheltenham & Gloucester, raised their mortgage rates in the immediate aftermath of the Bank's move.

The news came as share prices and the pound retreated from their recent highs, The FTSE 100 index ended more than 15 points lower at 4,949, having failed to breach the

Sterling lost nearly two pfen-nigs against the German mark to close at just under the symbolic DM3 level. Rumours of Bank of England intervention, along with a warning from the Bundesbank President, Hans Tietmeyer, that the markets should not take the exchange rate "correction" too far,

prompted some profit-taking. Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Halifax, said: "Although our borrowers will see a small increase in their monthly payments, this should have little impact on the steady and sustainable recovery in the

housing market." However, one investment bank warned yesterday that there was no sign of a general pick-up in the market. Although house price inflation had risen, other indicators such as the number of home sales were stable at best, according to economists at Nikko Europe.

"The robustness of the recovery in the housing market in 1996 is unlikely to be repeated over the next few years," said head of research Simon Briscoe. Rising mortgage rates and the Budget reduction in mortgage interest tax relief would weaken its recovery, he predicted.

The Halifax with 25 million borrowers, announced its standard variable mortgage rate rise by 0.25 percentage points to 8.2 per cent. The typical monthly increase will be

The Nationwide's million borrowers face an increase of 0.5 per cent to 7.85 per cent, with the society making up for not moving last time around. A home-buyer with a typical £50,000 repayment mortgage will pay an extra £14.50 a month.

Separately, official figures suggested the strong pound has started to bite into export orders. Turnover in the engineering industry rose by 0.4 per cent in the three months to May. A 2 per cent advance in export sales more than offset a 0.8 per cent drop in home sales. However, total turnover was 0.2 per cent lower than in the same three months a year earlier. Compared to last May, export orders have



President Bill Clinton warned yesterday that Europe and the US were in danger of talking their way into a trade war over the \$14bn (£8.5bn) merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas.

His warning came as Boeing and the European Commission appeared no nearer to agreeing a deal to prevent the EU vetoing the merger and imposing punitive fines on the US aircraft manufacturer.

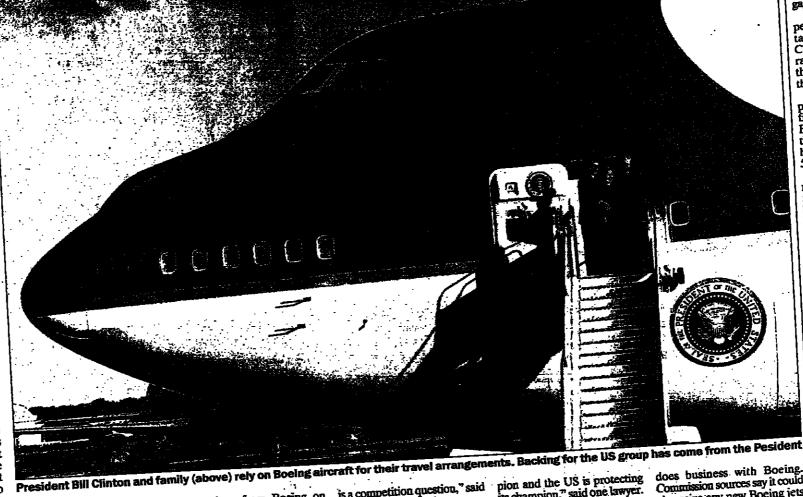
Amid rising tensions on both side of the Atlantic, fuelled by US allegations that Europe was opposed to the deal for nakedly political reasons, President Clinton told a White House press conference: "There's an orderly process for our handling this and I think we'd better let the orderly process play itself out before we talk ourselves into

a trade war. Although the President said that he thought a trade war could probably be avoided, he

cerned about what appear to be the reasons for the objection to the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger by the European Union. And I think that it would be unfortunate if we had a trade stand-off with them."

A spokesman in Brussels for the EU Competition Commissioner, Karel van Miert, said it would take a "miracle" to break the deadlock before the EU made its final ruling on the merger in five days' time. It has already ruled provisionally that the merger is anti-competitive and has told Boeing that it must offer more concessions to allay its concerns about domination of the civil aircraft The US Senate unanimously

approved a motion condemning the EU for its threat to block the merger. The Republican Senator for Boeing's home state of Washington, Slade Gorton, said: "The sole reason for the European Commission's criticism and imminent disapproval of the merger is to gain an unfair would follow any EU veto of the competitive advantage for



does business with Boeing. Commission sources say it could is a competition question," said its champion," said one lawyer.

But the President of the Commission, Jacques Santer, hit back immediately, telling a news conference: "We are looking at the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger according to very objective criteria ... there

are no political considerations." The EU's panel of anti-trust advisers has concluded that the deal should be blocked because it will give Boeing a hold over per cent of the world aircraft

concessions from Boeing on the exclusive supply deals it has signed with US arrines and spillover of funds from defence. contracts into civil airline

However, America's Federal Trade Commission has approved the deal without conditions, saying it will have no impact on competition.

The EU continues to insist that politics are not involved. not a trade issue, this

Mr Van Miert's spokesman. But competition lawyers in both Brussels and Washington sense that the Commission's objections arise at least in part from the desire to strengthen the position of Airbus, which

will be left as the only rival manufacturer of large commercial aircraft: People are sensing that this is all politically motivated, that the EU is protecting its cham-

The Commission is seeking to re-open a bilateral agreement on aircraft subsidies signed in 1992 which limits indirect support and caps direct launch aid at 33 per cent of the cost of new If the Commission goes

shead with its threat to voto the merger it could fine Boeing 10 per cent of turnover as well as Cuba.

also seize any new Boeing jets being delivered to customers in Europe as payment of the fine. It is the latest in a long line of trade disputes between Europe and the US. The most

recent one was Washington's use of the Helms-Burton Act to penalise European companies that had dealings with Castro's

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Arnault waters down merger proposals Boeing deal. He said: "I'm con- Airbus."

Andrew Yates

Bernard Arnault was yesterday forced to make an embarrassing climbdown just 24 hours after he launched an audacious attempt to scupper the £23bn merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan. Fierce criticism by institu-

tional shareholders in Guinness and GrandMet has forced Mr Arnault to amend his alternative plans to merge the drinks businesses of the two UK companies with the Moët Hennessy champagne and Cognac operations of his French luxury goods group, LVMH. Mr Arnault yesterday con-

ceded that his demands for a 35

per cent stake in a merged drinks group, which would in-clude the IDV business owned their own straight merger even though Mr Arnault is prepared to reduce his stake. GrandMet and the United "Even if he had a 20 per cent Distillers arm of Guinness, stake he would still have a mawere excessive. "We would be willing to accept a lower stake

jority holding in the spirits business where most of the cost in the combined spirits business. savings would be had and where The 35 per cent figure is a fig-ure derived from the value of the growth potential is the greatest. A demerger of our food and brewing businesses would deour assets against the market's assessment of the value of the stroy value," a GrandMet combined spirits company. We spokesman said yesterday. could accept a stake lower than 30 per cent and we would consider taking a cash payment for some of our assets, said a

An overwhelming number of big investors in GrandMet, headed by George Bull, and Guinness, led by Anthony Greener, said privately they would reject Mr Armanit's orige. would reject Mr Arnault's original proposals that would have

businesses and plough on with given him a commanding share-

Most of the UK companies' institutional shareholders believe a straight merger between Guinness and GrandMet offers the best deal and are not willing to entertain the idea of a three-way merger of the spirits businesses. Mr Arnault, despite being the biggest individ-ual shareholder in Guinness and GrandMet, would need the support of these institutions to

push his plans through. Andrew Hartley, a UK fund manager at Scottish Equitable, which owns shares in Grand-Met, Guinness and LVMH, said yesterday: "Mr Arnault makes deals that sometimes

work and sometimes don't. We have no argument with his style which is why we have a holding in LVMH. But it is unlikely to work in this case. I think Mr Arnault's attempts will fizzle out. He has paid an awful lot of money to get this far and LVMH has not got the financial muscle to stop a merger.

Mr Arnault has splashed out more than £800m buying a 6.4 per cent stake in GrandMet to get a seat at the negotiating table. Another large shareholder of GrandMet and Guinness said: "Mr Amault has tried to drive a wedge between shareholders and GrandMet and Guinness but it will not succeed. The idea of a transferring lots of value to



George Buil (left) and Tony Greener rejected the plan

Mr Arnault is ridiculous. GrandMet and Guinness should press ahead with their

straight merger."
Some institutions were willing

to entertain Mr Arnault's alternative proposals to split Moet Hennessy in two, giving Grand-

Various attempts were made

Met and Guinness control of the Hennessy cognac business and LVMH ownership of the Moet champagne operation. "A split up of Moet Hennessy has a greater degree of logic," said Ralph Woodford, of Edinburgh Fund Managers.

Woolworth disappears from downtown America While the formula endured remaining Woolworth stores are in the New York City area.

David Usborne New York

The hold, red lettering of Woolworth that has been a staple feature of downtowns all across the United States for more than a century is about to pass into American high-street history. The Woolworth Corporation

announced vesterday it was giving up on its efforts to turn around its chain of 400 FW Woolworth stores which have become a drain on its earnings. The shutters will begin rolling STOCK MARKETS

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down on the shops for the final time over the next few months. The decision will mark the end of an era in American shopping. As in Britain, the Woolworth brand still denotes for most people honest-togoodness wares and decent prices. For years, a common feature of the US chain, which is unconnected with the UK Woolworth business owned by Kingfisher, were in-store lunch counters where shoppers could

rest, refuel and chat.

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While the "Woolies" mon-

LVMH spokesman yesterday.

Guinness and GrandMet still

looked set last night to spurn a

icker, popular in Britain, nev-er took hold in the US, for most Americans Woolworths was associated with its "five-and-

dime" heritage passed down by its founder, Frank Woolworth. It was in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1879 that Mr Woolworth decided that the success of his "great 5-cent store", where everything was 5 cents or less, was such that he could begin adding some items that cost 10c. And thus was born the "five-and-dime" format that became Woolworth. INTEREST RATES

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for more than a century, and spawned sibling chains in Britain and elsewhere in the world, in recent years it has become frayed in the United States as competition in the clothes and housewares market intensified. Woolworth was hurt by such giants as K-Mart and Walmart and even specialised superstores such as Toys "R" Us.

back to the Depression and are therefore extremely favourable. Even in the Connecticut town In its efforts to save the brand, Woolworth Corp closed down scores of Woolworth loof chemists. cations where the losses were

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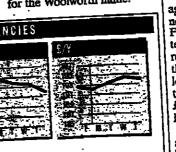
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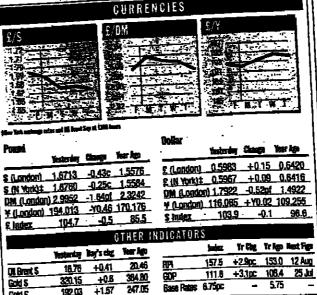
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of this correspondent, the two Woolworths that used to be here just two years ago have closed. One was transformed into a glitzy branch of Saks Fifth Avenue, the other has become part of the fast-growing CVS chain

to update the Woolworth image. Many of the old lunch counters. for instance, were converted Many of the leases held by into coffee bars. Woolworth reportedly date The company also attempted to emphasise cosmetics and home goods over other seg-ments such as toys. But last year, the Woolworth chain still made

a \$37m (£22m) ioss. The chairman of Woolworth, Roger Farah, recently warned shareholders that he considered 1997 as the make-or-break year for the Woolworth name.





Cost of FIDs reaches £120m

Sameena Ahmad

The cost to the Government over its proposals to abolish foreign income dividends (FIDs) continued to mount yesterday after four more companies joined the growing list of UK multinationals rushing to take advantage of FIDs before they are scrapped in 1999.

Since the Budget a formight ago, nine companies have announced they are either paying FIDs for the first time or are extending their FID schemes. Already the cost exceeds £120m to the Inland Revenue in uncollected taxes, suggesting its estimates that it will lose just £200m over the two-year loophole period are far too low.

Companies affected by the abolition, which will mean double taxation of overseas earnings, again called for the Government to scrap corporate taxes on dividends. A CBI committee, which met with the Government a week ago, was told there would be a shift in the proposals but companies should stop complaining to the media about the implications."

said an involved party. Tomkins, the guns to buns congiomerate, yesterday revealed it may pay its entire div-

idend as a FID following the Budget proposals. Ian Dun-can, finance director, said the move could save the company at least £10m in extra taxation. If this two-year window is going to exist, then clearly we should maximise our use of FIDs." he said.

Burmah Castrol, the oil giant, said yesterday it would extend its FID payouts if the Government did not amend Budget proposals detailed in the forthcoming Finance Bill, "Abolishing FIDs will raise our taxes by Both Grand Metropolitan and Scapa, the UK chemicals

group, announced yesterday they would pay FIDs for the first time. GrandMet said the move would save around £33m a year. On Wednesday Siebe and drugs group Medeva joined the list. UK companies which have

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extensive overseas carnings have been lobbying for a change in the proposals, with some threatening to leave the UK and others pleading they would become more attractive to foreign predators, Most, like Tomkin's Mr Duncan, believe the best solution is an abolition of ACT the dividend tax, and a change to an instalment system of paying

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This merger is not worth going to war over

'Although the European Commission has stuck rigidly to its line that Boeing's takeover of McDonnell Douglas will distort competition, it will do

no such thing'

Will Washington and Brussels really go to war over Boeing? Although the lines would be enhanced. But will carriers stand-off is plainly serious, as the flexing of political muscles on both sides of the Atlantic demonstrates, the betting must still be on one or both parties blinking before it is time to scramble the bombers.

Here's why. Although the European Commission has stuck rigidly to its line that Boeing's takeover of McDonnell Douglas will distort competition, it will do no such thing. The European Commission has spotted an opportunity to squeeze maximum advantage out of the situation for its own jet champion, Airbus

Industrie, and is playing its hand accordingly. In truth, there are really very few anti-trust considerations involved, as the US Federal Trade Commission has already ruled. True, the merger would increase Boeing's share of the commercial airline market but only by 4 per cent. Moreover, even after swallowing up McDonnell Douglas, Boeing would still be left with a smaller share of the market than it enjoyed 10 years ago, thanks to the inroads Europe's Airbus Industrie has made.

When the Boeing deal was first unveiled there was barely a squeak from Airbus. Indeed the view trickling out of Toulouse then was that the merger might actually work to its advantage by creating a more orderly market and reminding the world's airlines that if they still wanted a choice then Airbus was the only other player in town.

really want to freeze Airbus out? The lesson of how Boeing has ruthlessly exploited its monopoly of the jumbo jet market for the last two decades is one that will not be forgotten quickly by the airline industry.

For all that, the Commission's objections to the deal do not seem fundamental enough to go to war over. However, that is not going to stop Brussels using the deal as a pretext for prizing concessions out of the Americans in other areas - starting with a tightening of the rules governing the support given to their aerospace industries through the enormous research programmes run by the US

Defense Department and Nasa.

This is not the first trade dispute between the two blocs and it will not be the last. The good news is that since there are no principles at stake, they should be able to horsetrade their way out of the current fix.

People must be forced to save for old age

there is something particularly irritating 1 and holier than thou about the way Har-riet Harman, social security minister, bangs on about having "inherited" a huge pensions challenge from the previous Government, as bus was the only other player in town.

Since then there has been much comment in Brussels about how Boeing's scope for Labour's strategic reviews, magic wand like,

one come to terms with the inevitable and all too painful conclusion that people must be "forced" to save for their old age, then it is only to be welcomed.

Strangely enough, the pensions problem faced by Britain is the exact opposite of the one that exists in Germany, France and Italy. The problem in Britain is the inadequate nature of the state pension - which is nowhere near a living wage - and the fact that a very significant proportion of the workforce fails to make any further provision for retirement. Forcing the pensions industry into providing better value for money, security and flexibility, as the OFT this week proposed would certainly help matters, but it doesn't

provide a solution in itself. On the Continent the promised benefit of pay as you go pension arrangements are by comparison very generous, but the tax raised to pay for them increasingly inadequate. It is hard to know which is the more difficult problem. In Britain the challenge is to find ways of improving retirement benefits for all without significantly adding to the tax burden; on the Continent it is that of cutting benefit to a level governments can afford Either way, however, the challenge faced by politicians is broadly similar - it is that of persuading the public that if they want reasonable pension benefits for all, they are going

to have to pay for them. Whether this is done through the state, or

over the problem is not going to solve it. Nonetheless, if having a review helps every-bottom line is that people will have to be compelled to save. Unfortunately, that is always bound to look like a form of taxation. In grasping this nettle, Peter Lilley's much maligned proposals for privatising the state pension and changing it from a pay-as-you-go scheme to a funded investment approach, provides a useful blueprint. After the political capital Labour made out of these proposals during the election, the new Government couldn't possibly use the plans in the way intended, as a substitute for the basic state pension.

Suitably rejigged, however, they could be used as a way of providing reasonably fair second tier pension arrangements. The justification for compulsion in pensions provi-sion is an obvious one. Without compulsion, it is those who save voluntarily who are forced to pick up the tab for those who don't. Even so, this is not going to be an easy thing to sell to the electorate. Ms Harman's review might ease the process, but it doesn't make it any more palatable.

M&S deal may be small but it's also significant

So, conservative old Marks & Sparks is stumping up nearly £200m for 19 branches of crummy old Littlewoods. Is this a sign of a new, more aggressive expansion from the behemoth of Baker Street?Or just another example of relentless, measured growth

It is certainly a rare occurrence. M&S has not done a major deal since Brooks Brothers in the heady days of the 1980s. This is obviously not a huge transaction for M&S. but it is not without significance all the same. There are not many opportunities to snap up this amount of prime high street retail space and M&S seems to have moved swiftly to

beat off rivals likes of Boots and Kingfisher. Obviously, this is more of a property deal than anything else. There is no goodwill write-off, and no redundancies or stock write-offs to worry about. All that is for Littlewoods. M&S simply gets 19 new stores, changes the name over the door, gets the

refurbishment people in and away it goes. In fact this deal says a lot more about Littlewoods than it does about M&S. Having failed to flog the high street stores as a job lot it is now selling its biggest, and in many cases, best stores, to a rival. It will be left with around 100 smaller branches which it may or may not rebrand under the Berkertex name. With the deal to buy Freemans home shopping from Sears still subject to an extended MMC inquiry and a pools business under the cosh from the lottery. Littlewoods seems beset on all sides with problems. James Ross, the chairman, faces the prospect of his revised strategy for the group going up in smoke. Since the controlling Moores family are not exactly backwards in letting management know what they think, it could be an interesting few months in Liverpool.

Marks & Spencer pays £193m for Littlewoods' prime stores

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Marks & Spencer made its first big acquisition in more than a decade yesterday when it agreed to pay £192.5m for 19 Littlewoods stores. The deal is the largest by M&S since the purchase of Brooks Brothers in the United States in the 1980s. It is thought to be the company's

largest ever UK transaction. Announcing the deal to shareholders at the company's - largest, meaning some will be annual meeting in central Lon-refurbished to take a full M&S shareholders at the company's don yesterday, M&S's chairman, Sir Richard Greenbury, said it was "an outstanding opportunity" which underlined the company's continued confidence in the future of the

the stores next. February and woods' responsibility, with anawe'll be ready to open them prolysts expecting a cost of around

said. He added that the stores were "ail in places where we have been seeking extra footage for years". The extra 600,000 sq ft of space would be in addition to the 1.4 million sq ft expansion already planned over the next three years, Sir Richard said.

The deal will be completed next February and the stores will be re-branded under the Marks & Spencer name. The 19 branches are some of Littlewoods offer. Others will be converted to food halls, home furnishings stores or outlets specialising in menswear or womenswear.

Up to 1,800 Littlewoods jobs will be affected though 80 per h street. cent of these are part time. The We expect to start fitting out redundancies will be Little-

gressively through the year," he £10m excluding stock write-offs. said. He added that the stores However, M&S said it would create an unspecified number of jobs as a result as the deal.

M&S put in a bid to Littlewoods right at the beginning of the sale process in March and beat off rival offers from Boots and Kingfisher. Sean Eddie of Nat West Securities said: "It's a good deal, but fully priced."

The sale of the stores is part of a revised Littlewoods strategy by the group's chairman, James Ross, after plans to sell the entire high street chain fell through. Though the company was clearly pleased at the price the sites had fetched, analysts said the company had sold its best stores, leaving the prospects for the remainder uncertain.

Mr Ross shrugged off such criticisms yesterday, saying: "The sale of these stores realises sigmificant value from a small group

of our larger properties. The board of Littlewoods was always clear that it would not sell the stores business if it could realise greater value from revitalising the businesses and reconfiguring the property portfolio."

The 19 stores are scattered across the country in locations such as Bath, Belfast, Cardiff, Derby and Chester. The flagship store at London's Marble Arch is also included.

Littlewoods is expected to sell another four or five stores and close several others leaving it with a portfolio of around 100. These will be re-launched with a new format focusing more on womenswear and the Berkertex brand. In time, all the Littlewoods stores may be rebranded under the Berkertex name.

The announcement from M&S was combined with an up-date on current trading. This

UK had increased by nearly 10 per cent in the first quarter led by strong sales of womenswear. Home furnishing sales were 16 per cent ahead. In food, sales in June and July are running at 3.5 per cent above last year.

At the shareholders meeting Sir Richard was forced to defend the appointment of David Sieff as a non-executive director of the company. Mr Sieff is the son of former M&S chairman, Lord Sieff. He stepped down from an executive role in April but was appointed as a non-executive.

Sir Richard denied the move was contrary to guidelines on corporate governance. "I don't accept the Cadbury recommen-dations in respect of the very special circumstances associated with David Sieff." He added: The name Sieff in Marks & Spencer means a great deal."

British Steel to revive shares with buy-back

British Steel yesterday launched a £155m share buy-back, designed to revive its flagging share price and bolster earnings which have been hammered by

the strength of sterling.
The company's brokers, Cazenove, have repurchased just under 100 million shares about 5 per cent of British Steel's equity - at a maximum of 155p each.

The market reacted favourably to the buy-back, marking British Steel shares up by 10p to 159.5p.
British Steel gained share-

holder approval to buy back up to 10 per cent of its share capital at last year's annual meeting, and it hinted that a repurchase might be on the cards alongside its preliminary results last month.

These showed that profits collapsed by 60 per cent to

pound's strength against the German mark - the currency in which steel is traded in Europe and price weakness.

At the time analysis were pencilling in a further drop in profits this year to between £150m and £200m. Since then sterling has

strengthened still further, breaching the DM3 mark. while the Budget inflicted more pain with the abolition of dividend tax credits. There has also been another rise in interest rates, boosting the pound

Although steel prices have begun to harden and British Steel is accelerating its prog-ramme of job cuts, John Bowden, director of investor relations, said it would only partially offset the strength of sterling.

The company is assuming an average exchange rate this year

£451m last year because of the of DM2.75 to the pound against DMI.46 last year.
"Essentially our balance sheet was healthy but our shares

were very depressed and we thought they were also under-valued," Mr Bowden said. British Steel had not cash of

£785m at the end of last year and paid a dividend of 10p. Even with the share buyback, the dividend may not be covered by earnings this year if British Steel holds the payout

alysts forecast. One broker believes British Steel will actually make a loss this year.

and profits fall as sharply as an-

The shares had been propped up by heavy US buying, with investors in New York treating British Steel as a highly-geared play on currency movements. and prices, A 2 per cent movement in prices this year will be enough to raise or lower profits





Microsoft scours world for employees

Cathy Newman

Bill Gates' Microsoft is set to capitalise on its global dominance with plans to expand its US workforce by 19 per cent through the recruitment of 3,600

people within the next year. Microsoft's chief operating officer, Robert Herbold, said he wanted the West Coast of America to remain "the centre of the universe for the software business". However, he said he and his colleagues would have to look outside the US for many of the new workers, as good software developers were in short supply in the States.

Mr Herbold said: "Finding enough software developers in the United States is difficult, and we have to be looking outside the country. We already are."

A spokesman for Microsoft said 800 new recruits would replace departing workers, 2,000 would take up posts at the company's suburban Seattle headquarters, and 800 would look after sales, service and marketing around the country.

Mr Herbold said he would identify potential employees in countries such as Ireland, home to the company's European manufacturing and distribution centre, India and China.

However, Mr Herbold did sound a note of caution, saying that in some markets the company had cut staff numbers to improve efficiency. The Dublin manufacturing outfit has shed 92 workers over the past nine months and 47 jobs went from a similar centre in Humacao.

Mr Herbold said there were limits to Microsoft's growth in the Seattle area and in Redmond, Washington.

Speaking about Microsoft's interactive media division, which includes high-profile projects such as the Microsoft Network online service, he said it was still an experiment and not

"We put down projections when we think it will be making money," he said. "But the one thing about this area that is certain is that uncertainty rules."

He said profits in the emerging business could soar when 50 per cent of the nation's households were booked up to the Internet, which he said would create an "inflection point". It was possible that point could be reached in 2001, he said.

Helicon shares soar in early trading

First-day dealings in Helicon Publishing Group's shares yesterday saw the price register an 8 per cent premium at one stage, buoyed by Microsoft's 20 per cent stake in the company. The share price, which hit a peak of 135p in mid-morning trading, eased towards the close and settled at 126.5p - a 1.5p gain over the 125p placing price.

company yesterday. "Microsoft being a major shareholder gives a big seal of approval. There's been a lot of interest in Helicon, with mainly private client buying," said Stephen Roberts, a trader at Winterflood Securities.

Microsoft acquired a 40 per cent stake in 1996 through a private placing to raise £1.2m for Helicon. Although Mi-Dealers said plenty of investors were trying to buy into the Oxford-based publishing crosoft sold none of its shares, its stake was diluted to 20 per cent in the listing, due to Heli-

con placing 41.2 per cent of new equity on the market.

Helicon has a contract to provide Microsoft with history and current affairs data. It licenses this data to Microsoft, which puts the information on its own computer systems. Helicon's other customers include Comserve and America Online.

The company publishes a range of titles, including encyclopedias, geography, languages and computing.



Bill Gates; Has plans to expand his US workforce by 19 per cent within the next year

Department will choose be-

Hercules delay may cost Lockheed £1bn

Michael Harrison

Lockheed Martin, the giant US defence contractor, is close to agreeing a deal to pay compen-sation to the Ministry of Defence for the late delivery of a £1on fleet of Hercules transport

The group is expected to could also end up bearing some of the costs of bringing the fleet of C-130J aircraft into service. The 13-month delay in delivery

could also affect any deal that Lockheed Martin wins to sup-ply the RAF with more Her-gramme alongside British Aeroply the RAF with more Hercules aircraft.

Lockheed had been due to begin delivering the first of the 25 aircraft to the RAF last November but they will not now start to arrive until January next year. The hold up has have to pay liquidated damages been caused by delays in getting of at least \$20m (£12m) but it FAA certification for the new aircraft. This has taken two years rather than than the 9 months forecast by Lockheed.

sortium led by Boeing in 2001. Lockheed, which is also buying Northrop Grumman, another US defence contractor, is Meanwhile, Lockheed said it

the French fighter manufac-turer, Dassault, and Germany's Deutsche Aerospace joining the space. BAe will be a main risk JSF programme.
"We want to be a global sharing partner if Lockheed wins the full production order

~3,000 jets worth \$750bn. GEC company, not just one that sells is supplying flight controls and some avionics for two demon-strator aircraft. The US Defense its products overseas, and that means looking for global part-ners to help us," said Micky Blackwell, president of Lockheed's aeronautics division. tween Lockheed and a rival con-

He said that it was not interested in joining forces with Airbus Industrie until the consortium was privatised.

City regulators hand

Financial regulators have fined stockbroking firm a total of £285,000 following regulatory breaches. The fine of £225,000 levied on Sovereign Unit Trust Managers comes on top of £120,000 compensation it has been forced to pay investors in certain of its unit trusts, plus £1.27m it has had to pump into the funds as a result of mis-

managing three of its trusts, carried out by PDFM, to the trusts themselves rather than

rules require.
Sovereign said there was no suggestion of fraud and investors were "generously" compensated, with an average payment of £35 a head.

Separately, the Securities and Futures Authority has levied a fine and costs of £60,000 on brokers Teather & Greenwood, after it failed to prevent potential conflicts of interest arising in relation to four placings of shares. Two of the deals in-volved Eric Kenelm Ford, a partner, who has been fined £8,000 and agreed to pay costs

of £2:000. Both the firm and Mr

Ford were reprimanded.

IN BRIEF

US housebuilding starts jump 4.8%

New housebuilding starts in the US jumped 4.8 per cent in June, with the biggest rises in the south, midwest and west. It was the first monthly increase since April, with the annual rate of housebuilding increasing to 1.45 million.

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Separate figures from the Labor Department showed a drop in new jobless claims, down to 349,000 last week from 377,000 the previous week. But the department said this was probably due to seasonal shutdowns by the big car manufacturers, a regular event in the first two weeks of July. The less volatile four-week are the first two weeks of July. average number of claims edged up to 348,750, the highest since

Emap warms shareholders of sterling hit

Emap's French earnings will be hit by the strong pound, chairman Sir John Hoskyns warned shareholders at the company's 50th annual general meeting. He said: "Today, sterling is 20 per

50th annual general meeting. He said: "Today, sterling is 20 per cent stronger against the French franc than the average rate over the last financial year. Our financing structures will continue to provide some hedge against this, but there will, nevertheless, be an effect on the sterling value of our French earnings."

He added that prospects for trading in the year ahead "remain good. Growth in the UK is strong. France remains slow but is improving. At an operating level the group continues to perform in line with expectations". The UK advertising market was "well ahead" of last year and there were signs of improvement in France, he said. Emap floated in 1947, and the 50th AGM included a presentation and review of the company's first halfincluded a presentation and review of the company's first half-

Ex-GrandMet director to head Railtrack

Railtrack has appointed Gerald Corbett, previously finance director Grand Metropolitan, as chief executive. The track operator said Mr Corbett will take up his post on 29 September when John Edmonds, the present chief executive, retires.

Capital gets go-ahead to buy Virgin Radio

The Radio Authority said it "sees no reason" to bar Capital Radio's acquisition of Virgin Radio. The Authority had been conducting a public interest test to determine whether the £64.7m deal would undermine plurality of ownership or diversity of

output.

Despite its decision, though, the Authority "sought undertakings" from Capital that news programmes would be separately produced and presented on the three London stations, Capital FM, Capital Gold (AM) and Virgin FM. Virgin's promise of performance has also been amended in the light of the merger to limit alternative rock to 20 per cent of the total output.

Country Casuals settles with ex-chairman

Country Casuals Holdings said the High Court and Industrial Tribunal proceedings brought by John Shannon, the company's former executive chairman, had been settled and all litigation between him and the company was at an end. Country Casuals said the terms of the settlement are confidential to all parties.

Metroline shares priced at 173p

Shares in London bus company Metroline have been priced at 173p, valuing the company at £37.2m. Eight senior managers of Metroline, including chief executive Declan O'Farrell, will be sitting on a paper profit of £12m when the shares start trading on 29 July. The company, which was formed as a result of a £20m management happy to form I order Transport in 1994. management buyout from London Transport in 1994, has fore-cast it will make pre-tax profits of at least £4m (£3m) on the year

Pre-tax profits at Nightfreight halve

Nightfreight, the contract delivery business, saw its pre tax profits more than halve in value to £805,000 for the six months to 31 May 1997 compared with the same period last year. Chairman David Cobb said "vigorous action" was being taken to improve the performance of the main parcels division. "We are working strenuously to reduce costs and improve efficiency," he said, Earnings per share fell from 2.61p last time to 1.04p, and the dividend fell from 1.30p to 0.50p.

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Reliance Security (F)	102m (93.4m)	3.06m (4.15m)	8.9p (12p)	6.75p (6.75p)						
Somerfield (F)	3.4bn (3.4bn)	105m (92.0m)	29.4m (29.3m)	6.8p (-)						
Stanley Leisure (F)	407m (318m)	19.4m (14.8m)	11.7p (9.3p)	4.0p (3.325p)						
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Micro Focus shares tumble as chief quits Micro Focus. Mr Waters, who **Cathy Newman** Micro Focus, the computer and software group, yesterday lost its chief executive, Marcelo

Gumucio, just 18 months after he joined the company.

The sudden departure sent the shares numbling 142.5p to £17.82. A source close to Micro Focus said Mr Gumucio's exit reflected the company's disappointingly slow move into inand products.

Mr Gumucio was unavailable for comment last night.

a step in the right direction" with the purchase of Millennium UK, a year 2000 consulting company, the source said the company's hesitant progress in the IT services sector had been "frustratine"

However, he added: "Marcelo joined Micro Focus at a point when it was losing a great deal of money. The revenues are now on the increase and costs are under control." In the past 15 months the share price has more than doubled.

Micro Focus said he would be former chief executive officer of Platinum Solutions who had been working as a consultant at

has 20 years' management experience in IT groups, will be president and chief executive of-

The management changes will come as a blow to the company, which had only just begun to re-cover from a difficult few years. Although Micro Focus shares, which are among the most volatile on the market, are still well below their 1993 high of £30, formation technology services the stock has recently sourced and products.

the stock has recently sourced from its all-time low of 588p.

The company said the terms of Mr Gumucio's resignation Although Micro Focus "took were still being resolved. However, he was only three months into a year-long contract.

Gumucio earned £231,000 in the year to the end of January, of which £129,000 was paid in performance-related bonuses. He is to resign the 660,500 options he continues to hold in the company.

Mr Gumucio joined in January last year from Memorex-Telex. He arrived at the company less than two weeks after it reported a full-year £6.5m pre-tax loss. Micro Focus said he would continue to work as replaced by Martin Waters, the a consultant and he had returned to his family-owned investment firm, Gumucio, Burke & Associates.

Ted Baker founder worth £37m after float

Ted Baker, the designer and around £37m at the placing price of 135p a share. The isclothes, is coming to the stock sne is being fully underwritten et in a £56m flotation which will make the company's founder, Ray Kelvin, worth around £37m, writes Magrats Grimond. The windfall comes on top of £3m that Mr Kelvin, chief executive, pulled out of the business as "exceptional directors' emoluments" ahead of the market launch.

The one-off payment has been justified by the company on the grounds that it has no ssing need for a cash pile built up over the past few years. Mr Kelvin is now raising £12m from selling shares in a £26m institutional placing and will see his remaining 45 per cent holding valued at

rities, with first dealings exected next Thursday.

The business was founded by Mr Kelvin in 1988 before bein bought out by his joint ventur partner, A Goldberg, a Glasgow-based stores group. Mr Kelvin bought it back when Goldberg went under in 1990. Ted Baknst the likes of Hugo Boss with Ted Baker Woman positioned against labels such as Katherine Hannett.

Operating profits before the tceptional emoluments have leapt from £348,000 in 1994-95 to £4.16m last year, on sales up from £4.22m to £14m.

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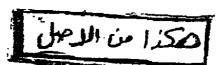
The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation took the disciplinary action after Sovereign incorrectly priced eight of its unit trusts as a result of poor internal organisation. More seriously, it charged the fees for

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Blue chips, after a six-day winning run which lifted Foot-sie more than 200 points, paused for breath, although

nounced today by Prudential Corporation, the insurer.
Many were quick to dismiss

the speculation as yet another example of a stock market ramp. Such a deal, they said, would make little, if any sense. from the Pru hovers over sell. story is yet another indication of the market's absolute conviction that to leave the total and the market's absolute conviction that to leave the total and to live with its case.

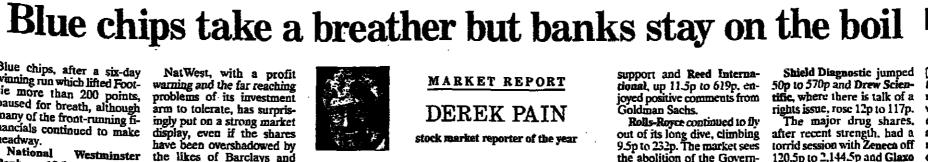
NatWest, with a profit warning and the far reaching problems of its investment nancials continued to make headway.

National Westminster Bank, up 19.5p to an 893.5p peak, was the centre of attention in late.

peak, was the centre of attention in late trading. Rumours swirled that a bid, allegedly at keep bank shares on the boil. 1,070p a share, would be an- It told clients its preferred shares were Barclays, HSBC. Lloyds TSB and Standard Chartered. NatWest Bank was con-

rival securities house Lehman Whether or not the Man Brothers said NatWest was a

spicuous by its absence and, as if to rub salt into the omission.



MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN stock market reporter of the year

The songs of praise lifted the second day running the ment's golden share in BT as ISBC to yet another peak, up one billion level was breached. a signal it will soon relax the HSBC to yet another peak, up 26.5p to 2,177.5p. Barclays gained 26p to 1,308.5p and Abbey National 12p to 891.5p. Insurances produced some strong features with General Accident up 41p to 947.5p and

Royal and Sun Alliance 17p at 488.5p. Pru was little changed at 614p.
Schroders, 42.5p harder at 1,837.5p, was another financial in demand but Mercury Asset Management remained neglected, off 3p at 1,269.5p.
Footsie ended 15.2 points

Overseas buyers were still evident, although there appeared to be some relaxation Aerospace shares. Under prein US interest and a tendency by a few domestic players to snatch profits.

sent regulations foreigners can only hold up to 29.5 per cent of Rolls and BAe, down o snatch promis.

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BT, still smarting from the

index was firm but the FTSE SmallCap again gave ground.

British Steel was the star Cazenove, took nearly 5 per cent of the capital out of cir-culation at 155p a share, leav-

support and Reed International, up 11.5p to 619p. enjoyed positive comments from Goldman Sachs.

Rolls-Royce continued to fly out of its long dive, climbing 9.5p to 232p. The market sees the abolition of the Governrestrictions on foreign ownership of Rolls and British

MCI fiasco, fell 5p to 440.5p in more beavy trading. BZW Footsie performer. Its share was said to have moved the buyback, orchestrated by shares to hold.

Jefferson Smurfit, the packaging and paper group, added

Shield Diagnostic jumped [lonica, the fledgling 50p to 570p and Drew Scientelephone group, is due

SmithKline Beetham fell 42.5p to 1,204.5p. SkyePharma declined 12p to 76.5p on drug development delays.

Micro Focus, the computer group, collapsed 142.5p to 1.782.5p on the surprise departure of chief executive by the end of 2,000. Marcel Gumucio.

MFI Furniture gained op to 151.5p, largely on the back of the windfall spending spree. Profit forecasts are hardening with £90m top of the range. Manchester United rose 15p to 685p on hopes of a Far

50p to 570p and Drew Scientific, where there is talk of a make its stock market debut rights issue, rose 12p to 117p.

The major drug shares, after recent strength, had a afternoon. An opening price torrid session with Zeneca off 120.5p to 2,144.5p and Glaxo Wellcome 56.5p to 1,343.5p. Sentitude 3.5p. to BT, is raising around £125m, selling 23 per cent of its equity. Since lumching last year it has attracted 20,000 customers in eastern England and the Midlands and hopes to get into profits

> Pycraft and Arnold, the market's first quoted loss adjuster, closed at 57.5p against a 55p placing. Profits should be £1.2m this year. With £1.5m cash, bolt-on

of the market's absolute conviction that takeover fun and games are about to break out in the high-flying financial sector.	to live with its own investment arm, the old James Capel, lower at 4,949. I eulopising its merits, claiming ine it bit 4,903	15.2 points culation at 155p a share, leaving the price up 10.25p at 159.75p. 159.75p. 159.75p. 159.75p. 159.75p.	aging and paper group, added 6.5p to 196.5p as the losses by its 46.5 per cent owned US associate heightened the belief that a transatlantic deal was near.	Manchester United rose 15p to 685p on hopes of a Far Eastern deal; Martin Edwards, the club's chief executive, sold more shares - 80,000 at 680p. With 21,5m cash, bott-on acquisitions are likely. Helicon Publishing, another debutante, traded at 126.5p from a 125p placing. Microsoft has a 20 per cent stake.
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Somerfield faces uphill struggle

of retail jokes, Somerfield has actually had quite a good year, once it had shaken off the débacle of last summer's flotation. The price had to be cut twice to get the issue away, but shares in the former Gateway supermarkets business have since performed quite strongly. Eventually priced at 145p, they have risen to 189.5p, outperforming the FT All Share index by over 7 per cent and the food retail sector by 9 per cent, in spite of yes-terday's 6p fall.

Given the amount of abuse hurled at the company during its float run-up, this is no mean feat. But the question now is whether this performance is sustainable.

Analysts point out that nearly all the early outperformance was achieved on day one, when the shares jumped to 171.5p. Since then, Somer-field has traded virtually in line with the sector and with greater risk attached, given the company's potentially vulnerable position to competition on the high street. Meanwhile, the yield, which was around 9 per cent at the time of the float, is now around 5.6 per cent and so not quite

the attraction it once was. Some of this is a bit harsh on Somerfield's management, whose début full-year figures were better than many of the company's critics were expecting. Pre-tax profits were at the top end of expectations, up 15 per cent at £105m. Margins edged up from 3.2 per cent to 3.6 per cent and the Somerfield-branded stores showed like-for-like sales growth of 4 per cent. This is good but only half the

Somerfield still has a long tail of unconverted old Gateway stores, where sales fell by 5.4 per cent. Worse are the Food Giant discount stores which, though profitable, saw samestore sales fall by 8 per cent.

All this gave a group like-for-like figure of just 1.4 per cent, which has fallen to 0.2 per cent in current trading, with decent volume growth offset by food price deflation. A further worry is that these figures must have been boosted by the launch of the company's

Somerfield is improving margins and working to reduce costs and improve relations with suppliers. It is selling parcels of Food Giant stores when it can. Twenty-two were offloaded to Spa this year without the need for write-

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For a company that has spent the best part of a decade as the butt best pa

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HSBC James Capel is forecasting profits of £106m this year, which puts the shares on a lowly forward rating of seven. Cheap, but with competition crowding in, Somerfield is going to find life increasingly difficult. Avoid.

Odds are in Stanley's favour

etting may be a mugs' game for the punter but the likes of Stanley Leisure, the UK's fourthbiggest betting chain, keep raking in the cash. Pre-tax profits rose by nearly a third to £19.4m in the year to April, with racing profits galloping ahead from £7.2m to £13m despite the "Dettori effect", when the popular jockey rocked the racing world by riding seven winners in a row at Ascot and cost Stanley

more than £2m in one fell swoop.

The message from Stanley is that the bookies seem to have emerged rela-

HSBC James Capel is forecasting of the National Lottery and its scratch cards. The acquisition of betting chain Gus Carter looks a good buy and Stanley still has the appetite and cash to buy more businesses. Further out it is likely

to get into bingo and hotels. Stanley has also benefited from the Government's decision to relax gaming regulations, allowing more slot machines with higher payouts into betting shops.
But the performance from its casino business was much less impressive, even though it can now put one-arm bandits

alongside the roulette wheels.

Casino profits edged up from £10.5m to £11m, but gaming margins slipped by half a percentage point to 16.4 per cent due to higher staff costs. The company is paying higher wages and investing in training in an attempt to keep staff longer.

Analysis forecast current-year profits of £25.5m, putting the shares, unchanged at 310.5p, on a prospective ple ratio of 20. This toppy rating, a 30 per cent premium to the market, anticipates are the description of the shares are the description. ticipates extra profits from the deregulation of the gambling market.

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Stanley, along with the rest of the industry, is lobbying the Government to give its customers the chance to place bets on the Lottery, or play slot machines that pay out £250 prizes. Together these measures could eastly add £5m to the bottom line.

Investors could do worse than having a punt on Stanley. But most of the upside already looks to be in the share price. Fairly priced.

Hi-Tec stands up to the big boys

i-Tec Sports, the branded footwear group, has never lived up to expectations. Among its many problems, Hi-Tec has faced dumping from its bigger US rivals, such as Nilre, and extreme difficulties hold. as Nike, and extreme difficulties holding on to management. At least 12 members of the board have departed since the beginning of the 1990s.

But yesterday's results, showing pretax profits up 55 per cent at £3.14m in the year to 2 May, provide some evidence that the group is climbing out of its hole. Particularly welcome is news that it is returning to the dividend lists after two years with a final payment of 1.2p.

There are signs that the board is

becoming more stable. Paul Harrison, finance director, was yesterday appointed chief executive. Mr Harrison has been with the group for three years and in all, the four executive directors. including previous chief executive, Terry Mackness, have now been to-

gether for two years.

At the trading level, margins are slowly increasing as the group gets to grips with rationalising its brands and its costs, while gearing has tumbled from 90 per cent to 21 per cent over two years. The group also seems to be holding its own against the big boys, with sales down just 2 per cent last year, but it remains to be seen whether it remains to be seen to be se but it remains to be seen whether it can generate decent top-line growth.

Hi-lec shrugged off the recent string of profit warnings in the sector, saying there remained plenty of opportunity for its Magnum work boots in the US and sports shoes at home. The stock market may take some convincing and Frank van Wezel, chairman and 52 per cent shareholder, has to prove he can work with his fellow directors.

Even so, the shares, up 1.5p at 38.5p, appear to be discounting the worst on a forward multiple of 7, assuming profits of £4m this year. Hold on.

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Herd of dinosaurs ready to pounce on Bank

Just as Steven Spielberg's latest dinosaur flick is about to hit British cinema screens, a prehistoric group of economists has formed a club to celebrate the values of a

bygone era. A herd of Thatcherite economists has launched a "shadow" UK monetary policy committee to keep an eye on the Bank of England. They held their first meeting last night and intend to emerge from the

undergrowth, Tyrannosauruslike, to tear limb from limb any weedy lefties who attempt to debauch the currency. All the old names are

there: two former wise men, Professor Patrick Minford of Liverpool University and Tim Congdon of Lombard Street Research, as well as Alan Walters. Thatch's old immence grise, now of AIG

Trading Group.
Peter Spencer, chairman of the herd and professor of financial economics at Birkbeck University, says:
"We felt that, particularly in view of the Bank of England's gaining independence, it was very important that there should be a debate."

Other dinosaurs include Gordon Pepper, professor at City University business school, David Smith of Williams de Broe and Peter Warburton of Flemings.

The herd will operate under the protection of the Institute for Economic Affairs (IEA), and will print minutes within a week of each quarterly meeting and publish them before the Bank of England's quarterly assessment of the economy. Stand by for some bloodletting.

Stephen Morgan, chairman of Redrow, the housebuilders, recently sold 54 million shares in the company at 158p each, realising about £85m in the process. This cut Mr Morgan's stake in the company from nearly 60 per cent to 35 per cent, and I

PEOPLE & BUSINESS



Professor Patrick Minford (left) and Alan Walters have joined a 'shadow' UK monetary policy committee workers entering the building for rogue non-BAT brands.

They confiscate them and

brands such as Lucky Strike

personally prefers Monte Cristo cigars to cigarentes.

Mr Prideaux adds that he

Incidentally, visitors to the current BAT head office are

confronted with a mountain

of fags, a gigantic glass ashtray

and a lighter in the reception

wheeze just to look at them.

David Thompson, managing

director of Wolverhampton

and Dudley Breweries, was

born in the brewery, I hear.

There was a mini-hospital

with a delivery room inside

the main Wolverhampton

More recently Mr

the premises in Wolver-

beerage dynasty.

brewery, says Mr Thompson, a scion of the Midlands

Thompson wanted to convert

hampton into an office so he

could work where he was

area. It fairly makes you

replace them with BAT

and Benson & Hedges.

Strange but true.

hear he spent a large chunk of the proceeds on building a new golf course near Wrexham.

This isn't surprising, since Redrow has done well out of developing St Davids Park Hotel and Golf Club, near the company's base in Wales. This development included a private housing estate, a championship-sized swimming pool, gym and sauna, and the golf course is now home to the Welsh PGA.

BAT is moving its head office from the West End of London to the City; it's moving from Windsor House, near Scotland Yard in St James's Park, to a plush new edifice called Globe House above Temple tube.

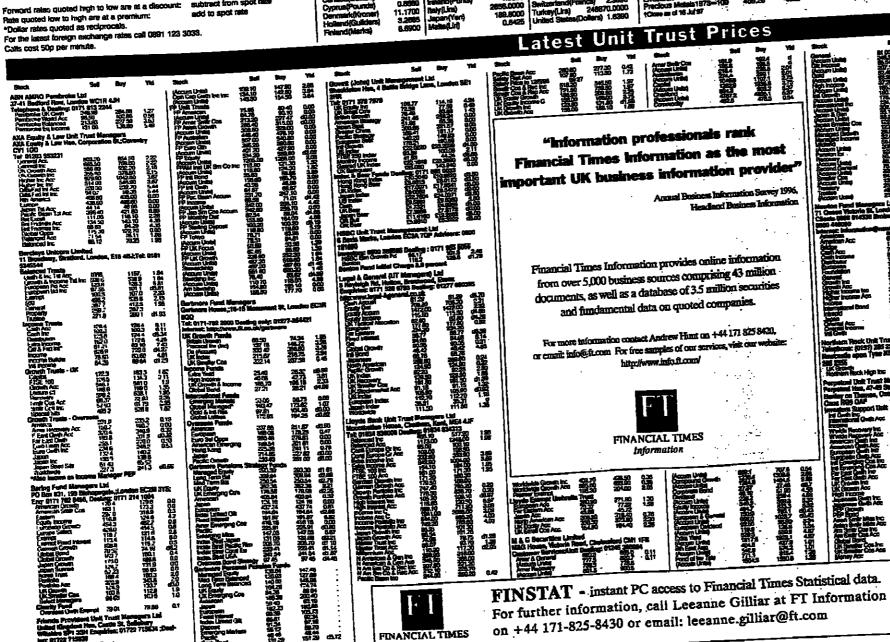
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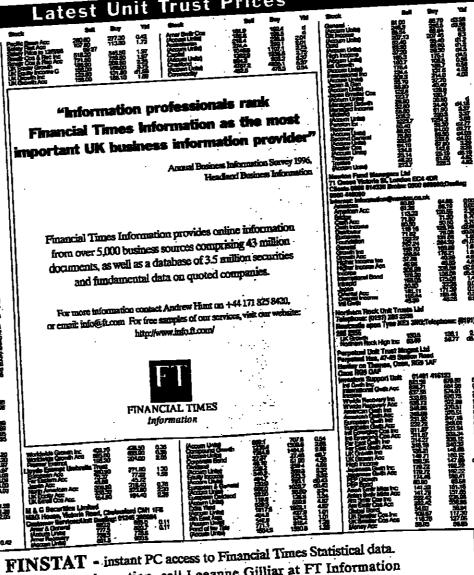
spokesman for BAT, says: You can't have an international tobacco company operating out of Staines, though I'm sure it's a very nice place."
Mr Prideaux says BAT

born. But the proposal was deemed too expensive and was dropped. Now the Thompson birthplace is a kegging hall. How many other brewers can say the same? subsidiary Brown & Williamson's tobacco plant in John Willcock Macon, Georgia, frisks industrial Metals UNE Stocks 1875 180 2100 500 210 980050 57520 143300 117300 53034 11915 419750 Spink & Son Agricultural

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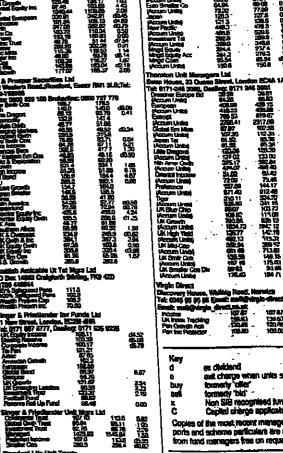
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Tour gets on top of Boardman

The leading British cyclist is nursing more than his injuries: he fears for his future in big stage races like the Tour de France. Robin Nicholl talked to him in St Etienne

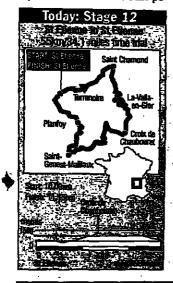
Chris Boardman struggled with sition of leader because it was two agonies as the Tour de France rested here yesterday. Nearly two weeks after he took the leader's yellow jersey for a second year, he hung a big ques-tion mark over his Tour future. It was prompted more by his inconsistent form than his crash

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on a Pyrenean mountain descent which displaced two vertebrae, and left him in great pain. "Big tours seem to be beyond me," he said. "I am a good

enough single-day rider and for smaller stage races. I am 28 and I have to know what I can do. "I shall be making a career review after this, but it doesn't lems is one that many riders have to be as drastic as it sounds. I just have to get people around me to accept what can do."

Certainly, he wants to escape the pressure that being team leader incurs. "I took on the po-



open, but I may be better off as a No 2 or 3. Then I don't feel

The opening time trial is a hell of a lot of pressure. In seven and a half minutes you have to get everything out. That I can handle."

With his team sponsors, GAN, the French insurance group, quitting at the end of the year, Boardman may have to consider offers from other teams unless his current team manager, Roger Legeay, finds

Among Boardman's probwould love to have. His career chlights since he won Olympic gold in Barcelona include a veljersey debut in the Tour in 1994, the world hour record in 1993 and 1996, and world titles in the 4,000 metres track pur-suit (1994 and 1996) and the road time trial in 1994.

The next step up is huge. "It is only logical for people to expect more after what I have done," Boardman said.

"After that opening time tri-al any results would have been bonus. Luckily Cedric [Vasseur] took up the reins, but it was like salt in my wounds." Vasseur's valiant solo effort out Boardman's fellow GAN

rider in the yellow jersey for four days, and that took the pressure off the Briton. He rode on in agony after his crash. "It was like a poker sticking in me for eight and a half hours. Each day after that I would ride saying: 'I cannot carry on with this.' Yet still I kept turning the pedals."



Each turn of the pedals is agony for Chris Boardman as he receives a water bottle on Wednesday's 11th stage

Brittany turned into the twilight of his Tour. He crashed on a wet road in the opening time trial, and next day was flown home with fractures to a wrist and an-

Last year he announced that it was Paris or bust. He reached the French capital, but suffered with an internal bug that

agony twice. In 1995 Britain ex-pected much, but the twilight in made him work harder on be-

ing right for 1997.
"I could not have done any more than I did to prepare, and I was even two kilos lighter than the previous year," he said. "However, I was not happy with my form. It is so inconsi tent, and now I am having

blood tests to check it out. "It is going to be a laborious search just to find the reason

why I cannot maintain my sition for a victory. I feel so sor-

Now he is "dead set" on reaching Paris. "It is not in my nature to give up," he said. "I am one and a half hours behind the leader, but I am focusing on the positive." One aim is success for Fred-

eric Moncassin. GAN's sprinter has missed out in all the sprint finishes so far. "I will be trying hard to get Fred in a good po-

Photograph: Allsport ry for him. He has been frus-

trated too often." Meanwhile, Boardman is focussed on today's 55km mountain time trial at St Etienne. Before his tumble he would have been a real threat to the Tour leader, Jan Ullrich, but despite pain-killing tablets, acupuncture and physiothera-

py, his injury stops him riding

"I cannot ride in that posi-tion. In fact I cannot even put my hands in my pockets because of the torn muscles around my neck," Boardman said. Ullrich is expected to romp

home in the time trial, especially as Boardman is injured and some other real threats - Tony Rominger, Alex Zülle and Yevgeny Berzin - are all at home, nursing their broken col-

Redgrave ready for glory

Rowing HUGH MATHESON

The British team for the World Championships on Lac Aigue-belettes near Chambery in Eastern France in September has a

fresh-faced, post-Olympic look. The 35-year-old Steven Red-grave, looking as relaxed and confident as to any of the 18 years he has been in the British team, will race in the coxless four with his partner in gold since 1991, Matthew Pinsent, and James Cracknell and Tim

Cracknell said: "I have not won a major race since my ju-nior gold in 1990 and in this crew you learn exactly how much you have to do at certain times in the race.

"I am surprised at how fresh I'm feeling sometimes. But then of course winning is much casier than losing. We may not have the highest cruising speed but no one can match our change of pace in a 40 stroke burst." The four made their competitive debut in Munich in May and has won all seven races

The coxless pair of Bobby Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis has finished second all summer. But the combination has proved a revelation, having been born out of a coxed four. The four was a man short at Munich and the pair raced to make up the programme. Taking second place, they feared this might be a fluke in the unfair conditions. but repeated it in Paris where the conditions were tricky but equal and then did it again at Lucerne to tie on points in the World Cup.

They travel to the champi onships with genuine hopes of a medal in an event where Britain in the form of Redgrave, has been on the rostrum for the last 10 years.

Two women's crews of high class have emerged during the season: a coxless pair of Cath Bishop and Dot Blackie, and a double scull of Gillian Lindsay and Miriam Batten. It is to be hoped that each will train on after second places in Paris and fourth places in Lucerne.

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CRICKET: Lancashire and Kent take command while Hampshire offer little resistance to Surrey

Taylor's toil is salve to Sussex

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Old Trafford Lancashire 561-8 dec v Sussex 156-5

Had this been a boxing match the referee would have stopped the right in mid-morning. It was as one-sided as that and one could only feel sorry for Sussex, whose most realistic ambition now is to try and make sure the match goes to a fourth day.

After all the upheavals at Hove in the winter and spring, Sussex knew that this was going to be a long season. After losing four senior players and surviving a palace revolution, the remaining players cannot be blamed for what has happened.

Fortunately for them, Neil Taylor took up the challenge at Old Trafford and was the only Sussex batsman, metaphorically, to bite the ears of the Lancashire bowlers. On the eve of his 38th birthday, he is a little chunkier, with an open stance that must make the bowler sometimes wonder whether he

is ready to bat. Hard though Taylor fought driving, cutting and hooking in fine style - he was still unable to do anything about the air of unreality which hung heavy over the game. When a side needing 412 to avoid the follow-on has sunk to 65 for 4 there is not a lot that can be done, but at least when Taylor was in Lancashire knew they had a fight on their hands.

Round-up

without loss.

Kevin Curran's best perfor-

earned Northamptonshire a

second-placed Essex on the

second day of their Champi-

onship match at Northampton.

Essex hit the self-destruct but-

ton and were all out for 275. By

the close Northamptonshire

had stretched their lead to 103

Derbyshire were left fighting a rearguard action at Chel-

tenham after Gloucestershire's

Shaun Young hit a career-best

237. The visitors ended 190

runs behind with seven second-

innings wickets intact and fac-

ing a fifth Championship defeat.

best innings in a home match,

and some hostile scam bowling

over Durham at Scarborough.

Curran picked up 4 for 32 as

This may sound a little unfair. not to say ungenerous, to Lancashire, for no side can do more than beat the opposition set against it. On Wednesday John Crawley and Neil Fair brother had assured Lancashire of a good score and now Mike Watkinson and Ian Austin converted it into a huge one. In the first 138 minutes of the day Lancashire added another 181.

Not surprisingly, the Sussex openers seemed bowed down by the weight of their task and concentrated on little more than survival. Peter Martin is full of confidence after his 13-wicket haul against Middlesex at Uxbridge, and bowled extremely well with good control and movement away from the bat. The score was only nine when he had Neil Lenham lbw playing half forward and, at 41, Rajesh Rao was out in similar fashion.

This was just the occasion for a typical imnings of interminable patience by Bill Athey but when he made six he felt most uncharacteristically for Austin outside the off-stump without footwork and was caught at first

Two balls later, Keith Greenfield played no stroke at one which came back and bowled him. Taylor's entertaining display followed before Gary Yates cleverly beat him in the air with one he threw up a little more and had him caught at extra cover. After that, it was back to siege warfare until rain ended play with 11 overs still to be bowled.

then reduced the visitors to 61

for 5 at the close. Bradley Park-

er dominated the latter stages

of Yorkshire's innings with a

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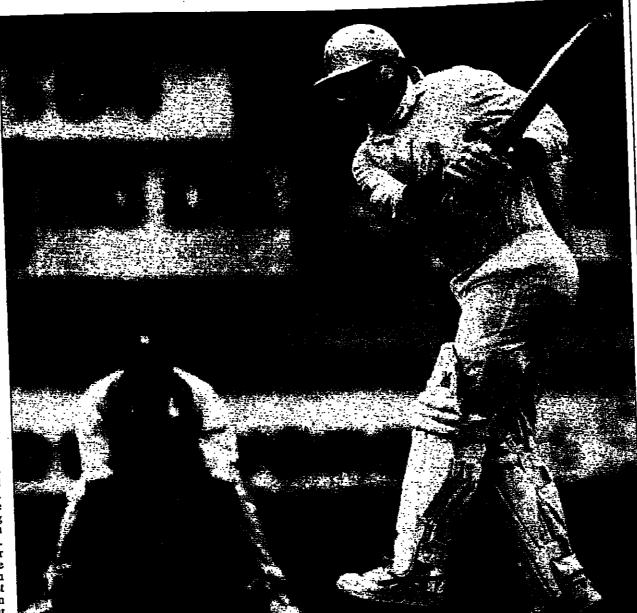
for 7, Dougie Brown taking four

Curran puts Essex

on the back foot

-innings lead of 89 over session to rain at Trent Bridge,

mance with the ball since 1993 stylish unbeaten 74.



Low blow: Essex's Graham Gooch falls flow to Northamptonshire's Mohammad Akram yesterday

Ealham eases pain for Marsh removed Ealham, who suffered

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Canterbury Kent 498-9 v Leicestershire

Mark Ealham, the England allrounder, scored a career-best 139 as Kent, enduring a day mostly washed out by rain, finished on 498 for 9. Presuming they declare overnight, Kent now have two days in which to bowl Leicestershire out twice. Such an achievement, if fulfilled, will go some way to easing the disappointments of their captain, Steve Marsh, left-stranded two runs short of his second

three-figure score of the season.

His pleasure at passing fifty

yet again in the Championship

with some muscular pulls and harsh cuts and powerful drives

may have been tempered by the

fact that when he was bowled

Hundreds clearly do not come easily to Ealham, and this, the third of his career, was only his first at home in nine seasons with Kent. Painstakingly crafted, he spent just over 75 minutes in the 90s, needing 40 balls just to move off 96, a score which he seemed to becalm him until James Ormond supplied the ball he neatly tucked off his hips. When he was eventually out, he had batted for six and a half hours, faced 328 balls and

struck 19 boundaries. Ormand, who ended with 5 for 107, is another 19-year-old starting to make waves. On Wednesday morning he damaged Kent with three quick

wickets before going off the boil in the afternoon, when he and the other Leicestershire bowlers prematurely settled for tea and cake before Kent were quite ready to take it.

A strapping 6ft 3in, he looks and bowls like a zestful David Millns, the man he followed from the Pavilion End. Where he differs from Millns, however, is in the thought he lends to his art, and pacy though the teenager undoubtedly is, he is not the headless tearaway Millns was when he first started.

Ormand has twice been on a hat-trick in this match, and tributed to the county champiyesterday's chance to perform ons' woe by adding 146 for the the feat came when he

the cruel demise of seeing a miscued drive rebound from foot to stump, and Julian Thompson also bowled, this time off an inside edge.

Marsh, meanwhile, has not had a fulfilling week. On Saturday, his team were outclassed by Surrey in the Benson and Hedges Cup final. Yet Marsh is the consummate team man. He has been around long enough to not let yesterday's slight mishap worry him and would have been content with the way he and Falham con-

Hayden's reminder for Australian selectors

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Guildford

of the wickets to fall. Paul Reiffel shone with both Surrey 477 bat and ball as Australia opened Hampshire 200-5 up a 215-run lead over Glam-

organ on the second day of their three-day game in Cardiff. Matthew Hayden may have been First he took the last five ignored for the Ashes series, but Glamorgan wickets for just eight runs in 46 balls as the Welsh it is a safe bet that the left-hander from Queensland will have county slumped from 218 for 5 smeared a lot of egg on the faces to 254 all out to concede a 115of the Australian selectors before run first-innings lead. the end of the season.

Darren Lehmann's 86, his Then, after the Australians had radically changed their batting order for the second inin helpful conditions carried nings, Reiffel came to their Yorkshire to the brink of victory rescue with an unbeaten 35 to lift them from a perilous 42 for Yorkshire reached 372 to gain 5 to 100 for 5 at the close. a first-innings lead of 220 and

by Martin Bicknell for a goodlooking 58, he needed just 35 more runs to win the race to 1,000 first-class runs this season. Never mind. He may well get the chance to do that today, be-

cause Hampshire's situation, with the bulk of their front-line batsmen out of it, is far from promising. They need a further 128 to avoid the follow-on but it could have been worse had bad light not brought a premature close to the proceedings. If Surrey whip them out smartly enough this morning that could see Hayden returning to the crease a trifle earlier than an-

ticipated.
The Surrey bowlers will cer-CRICKET SCOREBOARD

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as they their own batsmen found it. Hampshire did have a spot of bad luck, Matthew Keech tried to turn a ball off his hips only for his back foot to slip

into the stumps. With the Benson and Hedges Cup safely in their grasp, nothing further to worry about in the Nat West Trophy, Surrey are now in a position to concentrate more fully on the Championship. In addition to that they are eager to secure the services of manager David Gilbert for a further three years, if reports around Guildford are anything to go by.

Gilbert, a former Australian Test fast bowler, has achieved

Yorkshire v Darbam

tamly not make scoring as easy near miracles since his arrival in the winter of 1996. Surrey had won nothing in 14 years. Now in the space of 10 months they have lifted the Sunday League

and the B&H Cup. But hanging on to the 36-year-old may not be as easy as offering him an all-in package worth a reputed £100,000 a year. Gilbert and his Englishborn wife Hilary are due to "talk turkey" as chairman Mike Soper puts it, this weekend. The discussions will take into account family needs, security and so on, with Gilbert promising a decision will follow shortly. He may well settle for a two-year deal at The Oval. .

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on Russell's cool head Although the Adelaide coach, Rod Reddy, says that he has no stars at his disposal.

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Oldham and Leeds share the distinction of opening the British proceedings in the sec-ond phase of the World Club Championship, both hoping that they can take advantage of

home surroundings tonight.
The North Queensland Cowboys will spy a familiar face at Boundary Park, with their for-mer loose forward, Ian Russell, making his debut for Oldham.
The Oldham coach, Bob

Lindner, who played with Russell at Illawarra, has no qualms about throwing him straight into the action. "He will give us a steady head

out there, which is what we need, he said. "He might have slowed down a bit, but you don't lose your ball skills. Narrow defeats to Sheffield

and Castleford have dragged Oldham into bottom place in the European Super League, so it is doubly important that they rebuild some confidence during this interlude.

With his regular stand-off, Francis Maloney, injured, Lindner moves another Australian, Luke Goodwin, into that role. With their first choice front-row of Ian Roberts, Steve Walters and John Lomax all listed to play, the Cowboys look too

Walters brother, Kerrod, looked suspiciously like one as he carved British defences apart last month. Both houker and coach believe that Leeds will bo the stronger for their experiences in Australia. "They considered themselves unlucky against us and we will have to be at our best to beat them again," Reddy said.

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Leeds are still without the injured Richie Blackmore and Francis Cummins, but are like-ty to promote Adrian Morley from the substitutes' beach to start the match.

Warrington begin their Australian campaign at Penrith today, but the most cageriy awaited match of the weekend is on Sunday evening, when Brisbane are at Wigan.

The Brisbane coach, Wayne Bennett, has repeated his offer, made after the first phase of the competition, to help the British

game catch up.
"I take no pleasure from the first round of results, because they were not good for rugby league," said Bennett, who has not yet had any response to his offer. "I think the world of [Super League chief executive] Maurice Lindsay and, if he thought there was anything I could do, I would do it torkir-

Six more sign for Bedford

Rugby Union

Bedford signed six new players yesterday and then announced plans for four more signings all of them internationals - as they try to make up for last season's promotion near-miss.

The Leicester scrum-half Andel Kardooni, Orrell No 8 Peter Anglesca and Worcester outside-half Tony Yaap have joined the ambitious Second Division side along with New Zealanders Simon Crabb, Richard Kirke and Justin Cullen.

Their director of rugby, Geoff Cooke, the former England and Lions manager, stressed that the Midlands club's spending would not stop there. "In a fortnight's time I hope to announce the arrival at Bedford of four more internationals," he

Two of them are recent internationals and two of them current, adding to speculation that he is negotiating terms with former England winger Rorý Underwood, whose departure from Leicester was recently announced.

"Our aim is to recruit early and to achieve a squad with the sort of strength in depth that we shall need to win Division Two next season," Cooke added. The money is again being than five times their face value.

provided by boxing promoter Frank Warren, who believes Bedford will be the team to beat next season after losing to Bristol in the promotion play-offs. With these players on board

and more to follow, I am confident we will be a League One side this time next year, " he said. The ambitious Cornish club, Penzance-Newlyn. snapped up Welsh international Kevin Moseley. The Pirates have beaten off a pack of senior

clubs to sign the former Pontypool. Newport and West Hartlepool lock on a two-year contract. The Pirates' player-coach, Mark Ring, a former Welsh in-ternational, said: "He's the big one for us. We fought off a couple of English senior clubs and a couple of Welsh ones - Newport and Ebbw Vale - to get

Kevin is 6ft 8in and a fit 15 stone. He has a coaching back ground too so it's a big gap we've filled."

In Australia 100,000 tickets have already been sold for next April's Bledisioe Cup match between Australia and New Zealand, despite the fact that the game will be played in Melbourne, the country's traditional hot-bed of Australian Rules football. Tickets have been changing hands for more

Italians invited to stage World Games

Equestrianism GENEVIEVE MURPHY

The Italian Equestrian Federation is hoping to stage next year's World Equestrian Games, although no firm deci-

sion will be made until the end of the month. The invitation to host the Games was received on Tuesday evening, shortly after the announcement that Ireland had finally abandoned the struggle to fund the big event which was

dare next summer. In a meeting yesterday morning, the Italians agreed to postpone their decision until after 30 July when Bo Helander, secretary general of the In-

due to be held in County Kil-

TODAY'S

NUMBER 12

The number of plas ears sent. In the post to Mike Tyson, who was dequalified a formight ago ser brang off part of Evander Holyfield's eac Each ear had a stamp attached and the address written in felt tip pen The only things we won't mail for you are cats, dogs and kids, a US postal service spokesman salo.

ternational Equestrian Federation, will be in Rome for further discussions. If an 🐠 agreement is reached, the Games will be split between two beautiful venues: the Piazza di Siena in the heart of Rome and Pratoni del Vivaro some 20 miles south. Both were used for the equestrian events at the 1960 Olympic Games.

Although it is short notice, the Italians have the great advantage of two long-established showgrounds where at least one major event is held each year. The Piazza di Siena is the home of Rome's annual Nations' Cup meeting and an annual three-day event takes place at Pratoni del Vivaro, which w the venue for the 1995 European Open Championships.



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Toller's form evokes stardust memories

RICHARD EDMONDSON

When the pixies went round sprinkling their magic dust the sack broke at Majors Farm stables, Whitsbury. This report was almost made impossible following your correspondent's visit to the tiny Hampshire yard in the early 1990s. That day the only sprinkling that seemed to be needed was salt and pepper as one inmate appeared to believe the procrusion from this writer's Sprint, at Toller's favourite cuff was not a bunch of fives but rather a bunch of carrots.

This unprovoked attack did

lad, Jimmy Scott, believes the

state of the ground at Ascot

holds the key to which of the sta-

ble's runners - Pilsudski or Sing-

contrary seemed, strangely, to be the case) as he first alerted the nation to the bewitching nature of his premises. The Majors captured another major earlier this month when Compton Place popped up at 50-1 in the Group One July Cup and there are expectations that the current incumbent, James Toller, will collect the richest race to be run in Britain this weekend.

The Weatherbys Super means feature the best two-yearolds in the land as it is designed

ever, it is the Arc winner, He-

lissio, who heads the betting on

the race which opened yesterday.

not appear to earn Desert Or-chid any enemies (in fact the bought animal. This factor, however, will have no bearing on the post-race celebrations. Toller's representative is the filly Petarga, who already has

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Delphic Way (Newbury 3.30) **NB: Matata** (Newmarket 8.30)

winning form, at Bath, to her name. "I'm very pleased with course, Newbury, will by no her and it's the obvious race to

since. But he is a big, gross horse, who likes to get his toe

in, whereas Singspiel is better

and managed to overcome it.

don't get too many shots at a was a fluke, but I'm sure now it £50,000 race. We can always just wasn't," Toller said. "Roylook at nurseries and that sort al Applause looks to have run of stuff later, but she's won her race so we've got to go for it. It's a race you can only approach with a degree of confidence if you have got an outstanding that we've found the key to him two year-old and I can't say I've in holding him up off a fast-run got that, so I'm not exactly bullish. But she's half useful and

she's been working well." Compton Place proved himself wholly useful at Newmargo for," the trainer said yester-day. "Both times she has run at trainer now considers the chest-

MUSSE BURGH

2.40 Always Lucky 3.10 Suga Hawk 3.40 Vintage Taittinger 4.10 Goretski 4.40 Huxleen 5.10

GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: Straight course — for side; round course — inside.

DRAW ADVANTACE: Low for St; thigh from 7f to 1m41.

Elight-hand oval course with tight turns. The straight St course is one of the fastest in the course;

Course is Sin E of Edinburgh on A1. Bus link from Edinburgh station Sm. ADMISSION: Cab S12; Taticreals St (OAPs and oursployed S3). Accompanied under-16s free. CAR PARE: Free.

BLINERED FIRST TIME: Full Moon, Wee Christy (4.40); Don't.

Worty Miles (5.10). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Gorcenki (4.10) wan at Cat-

WHILDED IN LAST! SEPTEM MALES CONCERNS (** 107) WHI IN ACCUPANT PARTY PARTY (** 1, 10) WON A HAMILTON ON FYSRY, LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Slow Magic (2, 40) & Haxleen (4, 40)

2.40 ROBIN COOK & UNISON CLAIMING STAKES

- 7 declared -BETTING: 11-8 Ahrays Lucky, 2-1 Ortel Girl, 5-1 Junior Marie, 15-2 Siew Magie, 12-1 Dispol Emerald, 33-1 others

3.10 GJW LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 1m 4f

3.40 INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY HANDICAP (CLASS F) £4,000 added 2m

(CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 5f 55 JUNIOR MUFTH (28) J Beny 8 11 K Darley 7 5123 ALMANS LUCKY (27) (D) (67) J Beny 8 6 T E Darcan (5) 5 SLEW MARIC W G M Turner 8.2 5 Canner (7) 6

els," Scott added.

GOING: Good to Firm.

With these sort of horses you and trying to find some way it up to his Cork & Orrery form with Indian Rocket, and while I didn't expect mine to win I knew he'd run a good race. Now that we've found the key to him

> to show his form." The first venue for this conviction is Deauville and the Prix Maurice de Gheest in three weeks' time, although York's Nunthorpe Stakes stands as an

> pace I'm sure he will continue

nut belongs in Group One com-pany. "I keep looking at the race going up in France. The autumn target is the Haydock Park Sprint Cup. As he navigates the halls of

Chatsworth in Derbyshire, the Duke Of Devoushire, Compton Place's owner, does not consider for one moment another tantalising event, the Breeders' Oup Sprint in America. The Duke's chestnut bullet is to be kept in training for another season at least and so he is leaving Hollywood Park to its own stars this year before testing the Majors Farm stardust once again in 1998.

Yesterday's results, page 31

Unlucky horseshoe

from the pack and hit him on fered a bruised right knee after the right kneecap. Carter, in

A horseshoe brought Gary at the back of the 13-runner field when a shoe came flying field when a shoe came flying

MENBURY 2.30 Overture 3.00 Hidden Meadow 3.30 Alpha Whisky 4.00 Boss Lady 4.30 Always Alight 5.00

Russian Rose 5.30 Sheltering Sky GOING: Good to Firm. GOUNG: 19001 to Firm. STALLS: Round course — inside; straight — stands side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f to 1m on straight course.

Left-hand course.

Course is SE of town near A34. Railway station (service from A704/98000). Members \$14 London, Puddingson) adjoins course, ADMISSION: Members (Aurious 18-21 57); Taucrsalis 58; Silver Ring 54 (OAPs half pr Picnic area 54 per car plus 54 per person. KERED PIEST TIME: First Village (3.30); Vanishing

Trick (visored) (4.00).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Out Line (4.30) won at Ling-Fed on Friday.

LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Piret Village (3,30) has been sent 323 miles by J Berry from Cockerham, Lancashire.

2.30 EBF ECCHINSWELL NOVICE STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 6f

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3.00 WATERMILL STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500

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- 3 declared -BETTRIG: 2-1 Decorated Hero, 11-4 Hidden Meadow, 5-1 My Branch, 11-2 Restructure, 12-1 Cayman Kel, Wilhelf, 14-1 Ency Dollar, 50-1 Rabson

3.30 CHATTIS HILL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO filles 5f 34yds

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kan, 11-2 Alpha Whisky, 7-1 Baylant, 8-1 First Dance, skegiving, 9-1 First Village, 10-1 Cloudberry, Delphic Way, Ma sie, 12-1 Quiz Show, To Lore Wilth Love, 14-1 Belle De Nuit

4.00 WATERFORD FOOD HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO filles 1m 2f

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HYPERION 6.20 Samara Song 6.50 Rujoom 7.20 Irsal 7.50 Desert Lady 8.20 Rambold 8.50 Tycooness

STALLS: Straight.— for side; Im 21—inside; Im 41—stands side.

DEAW ADVANTAGE: Name.

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Course is ilm SW of thy off AD04. Salabury station 3m. Bos service to course. ADMISSION: Members 213; Tattersalls 29; Course Enclosure 54 (b. 18s five all enclosures). GAE PARE: Free.

BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Motet (7.20).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE ENINKESS: Tyconess (8.50) has been sent 284
miles by M Johnston from Middleham, North Yorkshire.

6.20 AXMINSTER 100 APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m

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GOING: Good to Firm (GFirm in places).

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There were no excuses on fast ground.
"Helissio would have to be spiel - will come out on top in when Pilsudski beat Singspiel in next week's King George VI & the Breeders' Cup," Scott said. very difficult to beat in France,

Vanishing Trick, 10-1 inclination, 5-1 Kashanga, 13-2 Ediktor, 8-1 Vanishing Trick, 10-1 inclination, Lonely Heart, 12-1 Spots Rose, 14-1 Julietta Mia, Fantastic Flome, 20-1 Bellegtuna

4.30 SHRIVENHAM HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,500 added 6f

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5.00 JULY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m Penalty Value £3,597

- S declared -BETTMS: 15-9 Russian Rose, 4-1 Cuptain Jack, 9-2 Premier Might, 11-2 Thailanns, 6-1 Number Point, 12-1 Chief Moone

5.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,900 added 7f (Straight)

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BETUNE: 8-13 Hajson, 5-1 Bermein Boy, 3-1 Dragos Boy, 10-1 Feets sy Mgbt, 12-1 Smart Beau, 20-1 Downclose Duchess

7.20 ST JOHN AMBULANCE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 4f

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3-3305 DEEP WATER (MSA) (25) P Coe 8 9 C. C Rotter 4

– 4 declared – BETTRIG: 11-8 irsel, 3-1 Deep Water, 7-2 Sebian The Scenes, 4-1 Note: 7.50 NIGHTFALL STAKES (CLASS C) £7,000 added 2YO 5f

143 RUZEN (34) (D) 8 Poling 8 10 ______ D Herrison 3 12 DESERT LADY (30) (ED) (EF) R Charleso 8 8 _____ T Speaks 2 544164 DAYS OF GRACE (7) (D) M Meade 8 5 _____ F Norton 1

8.20 NETTON CLAIMING HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,300 added 6f

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36006 ROBELION (5) (D) D Afrathrox 6 9 10 ____ S Whitworth 11 V

000000 DWHE MISS-P (3) (D) A Pres 4 9 10 ____ S Chever (7) 15

005-05 RNABOLD (37) (D) (BF) N Barry 6 9 20 _____ S Present 9

52000 MELIORS (8) (D) M Heaton-Din 4 9 8 ____ S Present 9

500005 ARTANL (4) R Houges 7 8 6 ____ A Mackay 8

40666 SANDIN 8M (28) K Ourning art-Brown 5 9 5 ___ A Mechany 8

40500 PERANCO (26) (D) N Smith 9 4 __ Armands Sandines (b) 13

0-2065 LANDRAM (25) (D) M Chemps 3 9 3 ____ P P Marphy (3) 14

40252 PETER PERSETT (8) S Levin 3 9 2 ____ Deckton 4 1

003000 CHARLTON MEP (DA) (7) R Hodges 4 9 1 ____ T Sprain 3

384235 JUSTRIAMANS (26) (D) J Broke 7 9 0 ____ A Daly 1

003000 RELLAS LERACY (309) K Buth 4 8 13 ____ W J **Chempor 7

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SECRET STRENGTH (21) Lady Herios 3 & BEVELED CRYSTAL (7) C James 3 & 10...

- 16 declared BETTRE: 4-1 Justinianus, 8-1 Sporm Buy, 7-1 Nulle Moris, 15-2 Distinctive Dresm, 10-1 Petraco, Robellion, 12-1 Rambols, 14-1 Abbest, Cheriton Imp. 18-1 Lemoras, 20-1 Belin's Legacy, Melions, 28-1 others

8.50 ODSTOCK MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)

- 6 deciared -noss, 13-2 Uthusia Saxothia, 10-1 Baubigay, 20-1

- 3 sectored -BETTING: 5-4 Desert Ledy, 11-8 Rezes, 7-2 Days Of Grace

Helissio heads King George betting at 13-8 "And Pilsudski has improved but it is a case of how he travells, Scott aussess. Ring George VI & Queen Elizabeth Staines. (Ascot. 26 July). Corat: 13-8 Heissio, 2-1. Singspiel, 100-30 Pissudski, 10-1. Swain, 12-1. Sharatov, Predagon, 16-1. Kingisher, Mal. Yotsc 13-8 Heissio, 3-1. Singspiel, 7-

terday when the jockey suf-Carter, riding Pip's Addition in the Sutton Selling Stakes, was

being struck by a loose plate.

Carter, riding Pip's Addition

great pain, was unable to give any assistance to the horse who finished well beaten.

In June 19 Jun

4.10 STUC CENTENARY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 5f

4.40 DALLY RECORD YES YES SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 270 7f 30yds

- 12 declared
BETTING: 11-4 Handesa, 4-1 Captain Blos, 5-1 Malain: Dox, 8-1 Felf Moos, 12-1 Counic Case, Wes Carlety, 14-1 Petite Tache, Amaismitchelluss, 18-1 Ludere, 25-1 others

5.10 HERALD HANDICAP (CLASS F) £4,000 added 1m

6.45 Panama House 7.10 May King Mayhem 7.40 Cim Born Born 8.10 Monte Cavo 8.40 Khayali 9.10 Fairy Prince

GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Course is 1m NW of sown on ASSP. Pontefract (Monidall) station (service from Leeds and Wakefield) 1m; Tanshell station (service from Wakefield) adjoins course. AD Servential Station (service from Wakefield) adjoins course. AD Servential Station (service from Wakefield) adjoins course. (service from Leeds and Wakefield) Im; Tanshelf station (ser-from Wakefield) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club 212; lock SS; Silver Ring 53.50, CAR PARE: Third Ring, on with four occupants, 54, phis 52 at parastiles; remainder free. BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Henry The Prood (545); Energy Man visored), Prime Light; (8.10); Xing Chestant (9.10). WINNESS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: River Torn (9.10) won at Warwick on Saintdy.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNEER: Ocean Park (7.10) sent 240 miles by Lady Herries from Augmening Park, W Sussex; Pabulous Mosco (7.10) sent 238 miles by M Saunders from Haydon, Somemet.

6.45 MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS D) £4,550 2YO 6F "K Darley 18 B EN J Hans

BERGEN J Harron 8 7

EASERIN PURPLE, Richey 8 7

GOOD CATCH P R Webber 8 5

3. LEESIND OF LOWE (18) J Glose 8 5.

2. PAURAMA MOUSE (29) T Ensiety 8 1

BUZZ THE MERIT M W Existry 8 3

5. DANCOME RIO (18) P Hastern 8 3 ... DETROIT CITY J Berry 8 3 5 PRESS AVEAD (45) B McMahon 8 3 ELSMORE (23) Mas J Ramadén 8 2... GOLDEN FORSURE D Loder 8 2..... 80 LADY YAVANINA (35) K McAulte 30 Statemer (11) M Britan 80. 42222 DEMOLITION JD (30) P Eiers 7 12 P Feerly (3) 35 D LESLEYS ADVENTINE (14) JH Wison 7 12 Date Glasso 8 5 MAGGICE (14) R Hollanted 7 12 Date Glasso 8 - 18 descired -

- 18 decired BETTHIC: 7-2 Schles Fortner, 5-1 Parents House, 5-1 Legend Of Love,
7-1 Balls D'Aire, 5-1 Belsons, 10-1 Demolition Jo, Detroit City, 12-1 Henry The Frond, 14-1 Haggie, Lady Yermana, 20-1 others

7-10 YORKSHERE-TYNE TEES H'CAP

(CLASS E) £4,100 1m 4f

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7.40 ANTONIA DEUTERS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,000 added 5f (CLASS D) £7,000 addied 5f

1 -3000 FOR THE PRESENT (7) TD Burno 7 10 0. ... K Durloy 5
2 161456 FREST MATE [27] (D) S R Bowing 4 9 13. ... Weighter 13 R
3 400201 Case 8008 Bone 105 pc 30 M 89 5 9 13 (7ad. 6 Paulieure 15 7 V
4 050212 BOWLENS BOY (10) (CD) J J Qurn 4 8 9 ... P Roberts (5 A V
5 441066 SHARP FERBL (25) (D) P R Weither 4 9 9 ... P Roberts (5 A V
6 441066 SHARP FERBL (25) (D) P Rivers 4 9 9 ... P Roberts (5 A V
7 0001155 ROVAL 00Me; (4) (D) B Bestador 5 9 2 ... J Remon 6
8 042524 HANOLO (FR) (4) (D) J Besty 4 8 12 ... C Laurieure (7) 9 R
9 340150 CAPTUR CARAT (2) (CD) R Marker 5 8 (2000 M Methodor 8
11 050305 NED'S BOWARD (3) (D) R Rivinter 5 8 (2000 M Methodor 8
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12 013203 RETH 6LOW (4) (CD) N Bycrot 6 8 2 ... £ Hiert 2
13 682036 CAMBONNEUR (3) T Exterby 4 7 10 ... L Charmock 1 R
14 30030 TUTU SIXTYSIX (23) (D) E Incas 6 7 10 ... JCharmock 1 B
14 30030 TUTU SIXTYSIX (23) (D) E Incas 6 7 10 ... JCharmock 1 B
16 Micharet 7 SIZID. Thus weights: Cambonneur 7st 50t, Tutu Sixtysix 6st 30t, BETTBRE 9-2 Cim Bom Bow, 11-2 Soutiers 80y, 13-2 Superbit, 7-1 Rich Sixtys, 15-2 Royal Dome, Namolo, 8-1 Node Bounneur, Sizerp Pend, 12-1 Captalle Caret, Frest Malley, 14-1 Captalley Ca

8.10 COUNTRYWIDE FREIGHT HCAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 1m SHE'S SHIPLY GREAT (13) J J O'Nea 4 7 12. PRIME PARTNER (14) (D) T Estarby 4 7 10.

BETTING: 7-2 Monte Cavo, 6-13 declared -BETTING: 7-2 Monte Cavo, 7-1 Porter Game, 7-1 Antonius Meic Primo Light, Tandors Foly, 9-1 No Gitches, 13-1, Tyleg Times, Jo Measure Trick, 14-1 Prime Partner, 20-1 Energy Man, 33-1 othe 8.40 ST JOHN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 SYO 1m 2f Q ALANDAR (CAN) (20) A Stewart 9 Q.,...

- 10 declared BETTING: 11-4 Pairy Prince, 3-1 Dan Pape, 9-2 River Tora, 5-1 U-No-Harry
7-1 Shadon Of Love, 8-1 Farennell My Love, 10-1 Shought, 18-1 others

982 983 984 4.5 985 986 0891 261 970 Calls cost 50p per painate, TLS, pic, Scrotton N ECSA 47

A Clark 2

W J D'Comor 4

GOENG: Good (Good to Firm in places).

Ellel-hand starp, oval course.

Course is firm W of Newark. Rollesson Junction adfoins course. ADMISSION: Club 5:12; Tattersalls 56
(OAP Diamond Club 5:1, CAR PARK; Free. RINKERED FIRST TIME: None. WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Bayerd (2.20) won

2.20 FISHERTON NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (E) £4,075 2m 4f 110yds

5 3 8 12 A Climb 10 1 10............ C Retter 12

1211/4 MOBLETY (41) (20) R Amer 10 11 10 ___ R Floring PSSSM EEZ-MARK (25) (3) Mis D Hame 8 11 5.A P MicCoy 0065-3 _MZZZ REFRANC(59) (3) L Webs 7 11 5 _A Mingolec 631-1 _MOMBLESERRY (5) (5) M Hammond 8 11 4.R Gentley 331/15 _ BRANGLESERRY (5) (5) (6) M S S Strain 8 10 11 __ C E Floring 10 6 412-13 SIGNA RUN (8) (CD) J O'Shea 8 10 10 ...

GPP-65 MORTHERN OPTIMEST (8) (CD) B Liber 5(1-P) CHANTHE MAN (19) D Burdel 6 10 0. Bay Looks (3) 30642- STAPLEFORD LADY (74) (D) JS Moore 9 10 0

3.50 MANCHESTER NOVICE HANDI-CAP HURDLE (E) £3,350 2m

4.20 OLDHAM SELLING HURDLE (G)

1 11403 REACH FOR GLORY (4) (CD) WG M Turner 8 12 5

4.50 EDINGLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (F) £2,700 3m 110yds

1 21-022 HHILDS BY (8) (3) Bluedyn 8 12 0 A P Nobey 1 21-022 HHILDS BY (8) (3) Bluedyn 8 12 0 A P Nobey 2 42544 New Stotlesman (20) (5) P Richers 9 10 8 S Fax 3 35-230 BERCHACK (2) (9) J Briefs 10 10 8 L. J. O'Rich 4 43553 SCRIFT (85) J Janis 6 10 0 L. A Minghine 35-230 BEINCHARE (2) (M) J Derives 100 A Magnise 67503 POLLYPARIES (459) G McCourt 6 100 A Magnise (7) R Section (7)

Minimum: 10st. Two weigher Seipt Set St., Pollydaks Set St. BETTING: 10-11 Belleus Bay, 4-1 New Statesman, 9-1 Bitmomek, 11-2 Seript, 10-1 Pollydalus

NEWMARKET

HYPERION 6.30 Phylida 7,00 Corradini 7.30 Bahamlan Beauty

8.00 Manazii (nb) 8.30 Alharir 9.00 THE FUGATIVE (nap) GOING: Good STALLS: Sunds rule DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Bight-band course with 1m straight.

Course is SW of town on A1904. Bus link from Cambridge and Newmarket stations.

ADMISSION: Cuth \$15 (16 to 25-year-olds \$10); Grandstand & Paddock \$10 (16 to 25-year-olds \$5); Fermily Enclosure \$3, CAR PARKE Bernhers \$1; remainder free.

LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: H Cecil — the winners from 276 runners gives a success ratio of 25,7% and a profit to a \$1 level stake of \$23,74, R Hannon — \$3 strategy. B \$32, CAR PARKET Bernhers \$1; remainder free. 43 winners, 533 riumers, 8,18%, -5,249.56; L. Camand -- 24 winners, 270 rumers, 12.6%, -1109.84; J. Dunlop -- 31 winners, 201 rumers, 10.3%, -5123.06. LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery — 112 winners, 551 rides, 20,1%, ~57.72; L Dettori — 83 winners, 538 rides, 15,4%, ~5163.30; W Swinburn — 41 winners, 311 rides, 14.1%, +\$2.17; J Reld — 39 winners, 375 rides, 10.4%, ~553.60.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Burrinto (7: 10); Read Of Light (visured) (9.00).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS; Nunc.

ı	Gen	Kelkwa;	From Whiteombe, Dorset.
	[6	.30	SPORTING INDEX SPREAD BETTING CLAIMING STAKE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m Penalty Value £3,81
	1	140042	DON SEEKSTAN (LES REF) (Resomation) W Hastals 9 6
	2	0-0	PRINCE DE LONG (S) (J C Wesori D Cosgrato 9 8
ı	3	0.2400	CHEVAL ROC (%) (Robert Whencoth) R Harron B 12
Į	4	5-100	COLD STEEL (82) (A A Penney) W Javes 8 8
ļ	5	002034	MY BELOVED (21) (Pater Hammond) R Hamnon 8 5
1	В	000055	GRESATRE (28) (E R Ketteracker) C Dayer 8 4
ı	7	344	MOON SONG (43) Days D B Brazer) A Jayes 8 3
Į	ė	353423	POWER PRINCESS (13) (81) (M.B. Hanton) M.Bell 8.3
ı	9	6263-6	PHYLIDA (39) (Ms. P.) Malery P. Malery 7 13
ı	10		MESS BARCELONA (S) (M.) Politice) M Politice 7 11
1	11		WINDBORN (4) (BF) (Neumarket Connectors Late C.Allen 7 11

BETTING: 7-2 Den Sabustion, 4-1 Prijdin, 5-1 hij Beloved, 8-1 Cold Stuet, 10-1 Micros Stug, Princi De Loir, 12-1 Poler Princese, Chevel Rec., 14-1 Miss Barcelone, Greantre, 25-1 Windhorn 1998: Euroba Boy 3 B 3 D Vorget (3) 9-2 Jr. Javisi Grawn (4) 9 cm FORM GUIDE

K the recent trend is to be continued the cisater will be fourty out by MY RELOVED and If the recent trend is to be construed the classifier will be fought out by MY BELOWED and Don Sebastien. Their trainers are black among the winners and it could be My Belowed who collects getting the weight. She hated the soft ground here lest time, but her form in clasmers is sound and she started the season in a hot handicap at Warwick. Royston Firench is booked for Don Sebastian, who has the blinkers removed after tailing to beat impais at Eposon last time. He tooked decent earlier in the season and is bound to go close with the yard going so well. Physicia is better in haire compared to a hundicap and

7.00 KINGS GAP STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added SKY 1 126224 MaRMAN (23) (6) (Farndan M Makeum) D Morley 4 9 7
2 143-40 CAPTAIN MORGINES (57) (0) (0 R Harmson) 1 During 8 9 2 Pet
3 334202 CAMBROL (CAR) (14) (Teny Connors) R Harms 4 9 2 5 5
4 2310-44 CORRESION (55) (0) (6 No.das) R Chaston 3 8 7 Pet
4 PSICKE (554) (20) (67 (6 No.das) R Chaston 3 8 7 Pet
5 doctioned - 5 docti R Hills 3 ...K Fallon 1 1990: Kalabo 4 9 7 J Red 1-3 fav (Seeed bin Surcon drawn (2) 3 mm

FORM CLUDE:

Connected was one of the rare horses to best Celeric last season and he ran up to smiler ability against Celeric when fourth to Persan Punch in the Henry II Stakes at Sandown, Third in last season's Chester Cup and Ebor, Corradins would dealily want more of a stamina test, but he does meet MABHMAN on 15to better twens for the five-length become at Nottingham in April of Corradini wents a strong pace then Nabhham probably want as sedage one to utilise his turn of foot, He's in top form after good efforts with big weights against the vestily improved Zaralassia at Royal Account and at Haydock end, while he doesn't the weight and the part of his students of the Center. Nabhham the Part of his students of the Center. Nabhham the Part of his students of the Center. Nabhham the Part of his students of the Center. this nature. A thumb through the form books turns up an interesting fact—Pat Eddery has never won on **Captain Horstics**. John Duniop's traveller has been besten in races this season he has won in the past, but he is another who has a decent turn of foot on his dey and this neturn to 12 furiongs is bound to suit him. Pentand is asked a stem ques-tion efter his malden win from Royal Crown at Bath, but still looks far better than the no-hoper Chabrol. Selection: NABHAAN

7.30 HORSE RACING ABROAD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS SKY: BACCHUS (14) (BF) (M Hawles) A Stewart 3 9 0 ... O BEAU TUDOR (15) (Alex A Wylant) Mass L Sactial 3 9 0 T Sactials (7) 2
(35 BUTSHITO (12) (Laby Rothschild) W R Harn 3 9 0 K Fallon 3 8
S BUNNARMAN REALTH (USA) (15) PR (Luzzyna Sunt) D Loder 3 8 9 Part Edition 9
30-642 LISTED ACCOUNT (USA) (15) (EF) (Robert H Smith) L Cuman 3 8 9 L Dectod 5 MARY CORNWALLIS (Mrs. Caude Lifer) G Wragg 3 8 9 _______M Hills: 1
NOBLE STORY (233) (The Pairy Story Permeshio) R Averust 3 8 9 ______S Sandors 9 - 9 declared -

BETTEME: 3-1 Ruhamian Reanty, 4-1 Listed Account, 5-1 Hobie Story, 6-1 Polish Romance, Bac clies, 7-1 Bethrins, 8-1 Mary Corespille, 10-1 Talans, 33-1 Been Tuder 1998: Navgota 3 8 11 Done O'Neal (3) 11-4 (A Harnon) claim (4) 5 ran FORM GUIDE

we disappointing filles here-and Dick Hem's Buildiote has been gelded and runs in

bitiniers. Last year's wriner was dropped in trip after handicap runs so there is still hope for Used Account. Subannian Beauty could easily be the one offer the switch to David Loder from Con Colins. She flopped when odds on at Bellinrobe over nine funongs, but her previous close third over seven at Tipperary is declarit enough on paper-the winner there Lifs Boy going on to win the Guinasa That and then third to Desert King in The Test at at the Currant. But the one with is "ordered is a color in the channe of successions." there Lifs Boy going on to were the Countese Inst and then third to Desert king in the letter that the Curragh. But the one who is preferred is a cot in the shape of BARCCHUS, who comes from the family of Henry Cectifs smert sort Gwydion. The son of Prince Sabo had done some good work on the gibliops and is sure to come on for his debut forurth to Atweys On My Mind at Whende where he was slowly greaty when backed down to Lavoursens. Busninto started in the Wood Ditton and ran on the opposite side of the course to easy view of the swenie promise, but Noble Story still has time on her side to conlimit her two-year-old promise (fourth to Joza at Windsor). Many Commentie, from a dam who won over this trip, and Tahasa, by Caerison out of an Irish Guiness third, would not be sur-

8.00 SPORTING INDEX HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 SKY added 1m 2f Penalty Value £7,830

hes a leading chance after a game maiden win at Donesster. But SKY COMMANDER could improve further now that he's every from testing ground – on which type of surface he beat Lormburto here test time with Bold Orientestal (Sta better) not gating the best of runs in fifth. Bold Orientel and Maintaid both ran well behind Memorise rune days ago and are sure to be being right there again torught. The older horses looked stretched, espi-cially, Major Change, tumbered with 10st. Selection: SNY COMMANDE

8.30 SOMERSHAM MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 SKY added 240 fillies 71 Penalty Value £3,818 ALHARIR (USA) (Herndan Al Malagouri) J Duniop B 11 CLOROSIA (FR) (Robert H Smith) L Cumon 8 11

LITTLE MISS HERF (M & HIR R GLESS 8 11 2 MARKA (20) (Yanga Nasah N Calagram 8 11

MOONSTONE (Mrs D B Brezieri A James 8 11

MYSERMOUS EDULDEY (W.) Gredley C Brezieri 8 11

MYSERMOUS (Develoy Plans South M Set 8 11

PRICECULAR FREEDO Displaceum M Majdoumi E Duniop 8 11

40 SUPACALIFRIGHISTIK (46) (W.) Gredley C Britain 8 12

BETTERS: 11-9 Americ, 7-2 Particular Friend, 4-1 Matata. 6-1 G ing, 16-1 Specialic, Mysterious Ecology, 20-1 others 1906: Outton 2 B 11 T Quant 7-1 (P Color drawn (11) 11 ran

\$96: Outon 2 8 11 T Quan 7-1 (P Cole) draw (11) 11 ray FORM GUDE.

Mutanta has the experience, but the colf who pipped her here three weeks ago, The Glow-Worm, was only third of four to Tracking at York lest Safunday. John Qunicip won with Hazmaria here to days ago and ALHABRE might be another winner for his talented ser, who was responsible for winning newcomer Miss Zefonic at Windsor less Monday. Glorosta is nicely bred by Bernig out of Golden Sea, who was over this trip at two in France. Particular Friend is a Cadebax Generau, half-sister to Mari, who was smart early on in her correct, and Cantonese halts from a proisic-winning family.

Selection: ALHARRE

9.00 HARSTON HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added fillies & mares of Penelty Value £4,199

- 8 consumer - Pagether, 4-1 Many Magdalene, 5-1 Galline, 6-1 Welch The Fire, Alexa Mayholy, 7-1 Always On My Med, 16-1 Med Of Light 1896: Hard Of Light 3 9 1 J Red 25-1 IR Guesti dalam (3) 7 ran FORM GUIDE

The best race of the night with so many in-form performers doing battle. My choice-and she should be at decent odds-is ALIMASI. The stable communes to share with Faith Alone, who was also entered for this race, winning another deant race at Sandown on Wednesday after the Yamnouth breeze. The form book says Almasi didn't score as 645ky at SSI-stury on her istest start by a head from Caudidio), but she could be seen as the winner a long way but and Chris Wall's Improver is good value for the 7to rise. The grade at Sal-isbury was low, but she had seriler showed her worth in a 0-80 at Doncaster where she came late to beat Bolin Dorothy. Very much on the upgrade, Almasi is lancied to quick on up again with the uphili finish sure to suit her. The main by in the comment has to be en up again with the uphall traish sure to suit her. The main hy it the protinent has to be likery tragstatione after her six-length maiden win at Beverley a fortunght ago. Her half-brother Roger The Burtler used to win hot sprints at York, and Mary Magdalene is held in straisarly high regard by Michael Beil, hence her appearance in a tiecent makien at Newbury lest backend. Alterges on they allind won her maiden in fine style, also. The opposition vesprit much, but she's gradually coming good end rain would help her cause. The Pagdalene is spill on a high and plenty contributed to her defeat at Vanvick lest Saturday-a bed draw, a slow start and a weight weight. To be beaten only four lengths into fifth by Rever Yenn was a decent run in the accumisances, though this company may prove too hoot for her. Shelstwyhely has been in a visor-including when she best hort. Down off a libb lower mark hard three outings aso-but the headspar is disported with tonath. Gallian This was a shock whose of this last year when she beat with the determination of the pace as shock whose of this last year when she beat was the comes from of the pace as shock whose of this last year. e tonight, but Almesi has improved since and Kind Of Light is tried in a vi

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SOUTHWEAT 2.20 Rayman 2.50 Eez-Away 3.20 Rod-erick Hudson 3.50 Global Dancer 4.20 Reach For Glory 4.50 Bullens Boy

here on Saturday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Mel (4.20) has been sent 206 miles by R Buckler from Melphash, Dorset. 6 413-PO STEP W LINE (21) G McCaux 5 10 4 .T J Marphy 7 4323 F YELMAR SYSTEMS (40) LOLINO 8 10 2 .R Johnson ~ 7 declared — BETTING: 11.4 Dundle lag, 7-2 Pepulcia's Brother, 9-2 Winks ecd, 13-2 Step in Line, 7-1 Represe, 16-1 Tel-

2.50 APPLEYARD & TREW HANDI-CAP CHASE (D) £6,500 2m

Affinitum molgh: 10s. The Nandicay weights: Nathern Opticist Set 13b, Chan The Man 9st 13b, Septemal Lady 9st 11b, EETINS: 9-4 Nation-No-Ma, 9-5 Beneathfeberry, 9-1 Signa Rus, 13-2 Stephened Lady, 7-1 Enr.-Many, 9-1 Justy Radials, No-bbay, 16-1 Chan The Man, 20-1 Horthern Opticist

3.20 GRANT THORNTON MAIDEN HUR-DLE (E) £3,000 2m

00 ARBORNE BLE (b) J. Jephins 6 11 5 . A Magaine 003-25 FRISMY THINE (27) M Hammond 8 11 5 ..R Cardiby ACC2-3 MISSIES PET (21) For 7 11 5 ... S Rue 4 RODERSK MILDON (223) Toler 5 11 5 A.P MicCoy 35 SELLE BUSK (20) Mas 5 Smith 5 11 0 R Good BETTING: 6-4 Anderick Hadeon, 3-1 brac's Pot, 7-2 Seile Rosis, 4-1 Frisig Thyos, 18-1 Akthorne Sine

11 PUNION (27) (29) G MacDay 4 12 O JR Stadhalmo (7) 530710 11GHpmana (1125) (8) May 5 Smith 6 11 5 JR Gunst P43-2 9110441 DANCER (13) L Wells 6 11 3 JA Magaine 405-5 STREETH (DO D) 103 m 620 0. SSEZG- ALPHA LEATHER (50) L Grassch 6 10 O. R. John 003P-4 ADMENL BRUMY (19) N Grasse 6 10 O. C Univ

003P-4 ADMINISTRAÇÃO (129) N GASARE 6 10 U JA USTRAÇÃO PO 6 ALPHERON PRINTE (27) J A Hans 4 10 0 ... A S Smith

SOPHIE LOCKETT (PS) K Hogg 4 10 4 __M Foster - 6 declared -BETTHOR: 8-4 Furistio, 11-4 Reach For Glosy, 8-1 Mei, 13-2 Chadaic, 7-2 Hearlette Roo Boo, 14-1 Sephie Lockett

Woods began to show why even some of the greatest players are in awe of his potential

Welcome Tiger Woods, welcome to ton with his elegant swing. Bernhard Troon's trickery, its bounces, its Langer's studied efficiency. Not men

grimace, gestures of annoyance. At odds with himself, unhappy with what Woods was up to his game the tournament favourite was used to test the wind told him little other than it was day for accuracy rather than distance. Keep the damn thing

straight you could imagine him thinking. Woods almost announced his presence in the championship by driving the 364-yard first. Instead the ball kicked left into a greenside bunker. "No justice," someone in the gallery said. "Away to go," a small boy called Out but there was no answering smile. Things were already genting difficult.

Being the focus attention is some-thing Woods has to live with. "I'd love his golf game," an old tournament pro recently said, "but not the pressures

Woods' playing partners provided an interesting comparison. Steve Elking-

temptations. One under at the turn but to be intimidated by power. Men with eight fairways missed and a capricious smart games and a great deal of exbreeze getting up. Here and there a perience they chose not to gamble, usugrimace, gestures of annoyance.

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his game the tournament favourite was scrambling. The grass cuttings Woods and at the next landed on a hilltop. At the fourth Woods gave the gallery what they wanted unleashing a huge drive that skipped on to 422 yards, easily a hundred past Elkington and Langer. Just 135 to the pin, missed eagle putt; birdie. So where now? How about bare

ground alongside a stand overlooking the par three fifth which is where Woods landed. A fluffy pitch to save par and a birdie at the par-five sixth. Fairways did not appear to be on Woods' agenda but he was two under and his escapes were becoming reminiscent of a young Severiano Ballesteros.

Another misread green, another birdie chance gone and then acquaintance with the Postage Stamp's seductive contours. Moving along serenely Langer also was at two under



and another birdie came his way. Woods, however, got it wrong, losing a seven iron enough in the breeze to find a greenside bunker. A decent enough shot from the sand but well past the pin to be left with a tricky downhill putt. Misreading it again he took two and was back to one under.

This didn't please Woods at all. He swung his putter angrily, tossed it at the bag and offended the game's ctiquette by leaving the green before Elkington holed out for a double-bogey. A par for Woods at the ninth and they

were out in the far country, held up on the next tee by the group in front. The trick was working out just where in the rough Woods would put his next tee shot. To the right this time followed by a splendid second. Two putts, another save.

While they waited on the 11th tee a train approached slowly. Identifying Woods, the engineer gave a blast on the whistle. Woods smiled but the moment did not appear to relax him greatly. A blind shot over dunes ended up in a gorse bush. "Come on, Tiger," his young supporters shouted as they watched him stride towards another problem. One simply begat another. Taking a penalty out of a gorse bush he was too ambitious, moving the ball only 80 yards forward and still not on the fairway. "I got frustrated out there," he said afterwards, "but I never lost my patience and I'm proud of that."

For a while frustration looked like being the source of a crisis. Woods' fourth shot at the 11th went to the back of the green and a rare triple-bo-

gev seven went on his card. From there Woods began to show

why even some of the greatest players golf has ever known are in awe of his potential. Not just his remarkable power, but his shot-making and the courage to hold a round together.

Making more than one birdie on the

back nine at Troon is a difficult enough task at the best times but when a breeze gets up on the Forth of Clyde some smart play is called for. Few managed it yesterday, but Woods was up to the task. A hirdie at 17 another at the last.

Accepting that he'd benefited eventually from a touch of good fortune. he said, "I'd like the wind to remain a big factor. If it's real tough like this it makes it easier to make up ground. You can shoot 66 and make up position. But if things are calm you can shoot 66 and remain in the same position. I got a good bounce at the last and I'm still in the ball game. I was disappointed not to birdie one of the first three holes and I hardly read a green right. But I'm still in the

If Woods starts hitting fairways today it could be altogether a differ-

Troon Talk

BY JAMES CUSICK

Lasses are a class apart

intob litte flog al In a play on :=: rival at Royal Troon the American sports company Nike unveiled its latest billboard, which claims the

Royal & Ancient game is

"still dominated by class". So is Mr Woods playing over more elitist turf this week? Not so, insists the scnior hierarchy of the Ayr-shire club. While the terms class and élitist may certainly apply in the hallowed American bastions of Augusta and Cypress Point -Ian Valentine, the current captain of Royal Troon, told the Diary that the 800 members of Royal Troon were a mixed bunch, united by

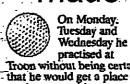
only one aim: "To play golf. We don't even accept appli-cations from non-playing

lawyers and the odd Sir and professor, but Mr Valentiae and other prominent members insisted that élitist would be an inappropriate

term here. Only the feminist movement (in extremis) may question such claims of egalitarianism. All members of Troon are male, the ladies having their own separate clubbouse a quarter of a mile away, the Portland stitution, Royal Troon owns the ladies' club. Valentine accepted: "There is nothing in our constitution to prevent a woman becoming a member, but so far in our history no lady has been proposed. But then I should point out there is nothing in the ladies' constitution that prevents a male from apply-ing there." Plenty of room for Nike's

copywriters to work on there.

Reserve Robertson made to sweat



Troon without being certain that he would get a place on the competition tee. Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient, had quietly told him the position of first reserve usually always made it. But even by Wednesday morning Dean Robertson, the 27-year-old Scots professional, was still sweating. There had been hints that Ian Baker-Finch would save

himself from embarrass-ment and withdraw but he did not. And yesterday confirmed he should have (he shot 92). Instead a Japan-

ese competitor went home carly and Robertson was in. The whole Robertson family drove down from their home in Paisley yesterday morning. Dean is staying with his parents this week. "Makes it a cheap week for him," said his brother, another golfer whose own battles at Troon are playing in the annual match against Glasgow University and the experience will doubtless have been passed on. Robertson shot a respectable 76 playing along-side Mark Calcavecchia and Andrew Coltan, "He played well," said his brother, "and he'll shoot par tomorrow." Nothing like a bit

of family support.



Ahead of fashion: One spectator provides some light relief for the players on the first day of the Open

TODAY'S TEE-OFF TIMES

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THE NUMBERS GAME

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had a worst round in the Open than lan Baker-Finch's 92

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5 The times America's Tom

Watson has won the Open

Live coverage: 10.30am-12.20pm and 1pm-7.30 BBC2 Highlights: 9pm-9.40 BBC2

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy with sunny periods. Winds will strengthen from the north west, 10-15mph during afternoon. Max temp 19C.

Licked by the Postage Stamp

When Willie Park, the first win- traps and put a bank of nature's ner of the Open Championship, took a look at Royal Troon's eighth hole he was aghast. It has "a pitching surface." he said. *skimmed down to the size of a postage stamp". The name stuck, although it is unlikely whether Mark Calcavecchia delivered his abuse yesterday in such charming and eloquent

The last time the American played this course he would have gladly taken it back to Florida with him. He may still want the bulk of it as a reminder of the three closing 68s that landed him the Open in 1989. but there are 126 yards of it that he would gladly leave behind. Yes, just 126 yards. Tiger Woods could flick the ball that distance with the back of his putter on the practice ground, but

if ever a hole proved that it is not size that matters it is the Postage Stamp. Shrink the

rubbish on the left and suddenly even the Tiger, who bogeyed the hole yesterday, is rubbing his

In the Twenties Walter Hagen took a double-bogey five there in the final round and lost an Open Championship by a stroke. Three decades later a German by the name of Herman Tissies got in a tizzy so profound he entered the record books. More of him later.

Yesterday Calcavecchia arrived at the Postage Stamp in about as good a mood as he could get. The fifth, sixth and seventh had yielded birdies, the sun was taking the edge off the chilling wind and the young boys on the scoreboard behind the eighth tee were busy shooting up ladders adding him to the leaderboard.

Golf has a habit of introducing glowering clouds to an other bunker. otherwise perfect morning, however, and although Cai- ment and go. Calcavecchia of his tee-shot, took his second

Guy Hodgson watches as the notorious eighth hole claims another set of victims

with his tee-shot, maybe a degree to the left, it was enough to send his ball arcing into a bunker so maliciously shaped the Marquis de Sade would be storming straight into the greens committee if one of his

victims strayed there. Calcavecchia would be waiting behind him ready to bang the table, because his ball landed so close to the bunker's rim that the next shot was almost impossible. Or at least it was while standing up. Down to his knees the erstwhile champion sank, seemingly in prayer, before miraculously chipping the hall out over the Penny Black of a putting surface. On and on it ran before sinking into an-

Fine. You take your punish-

cavecchia was only a fraction out chipped to four feet and was contemplating a scruffy but acceptable bogey four until he pulled his putt horribly. Exit one disgruntled golfer, his upward momentum checked so thoroughly he finished with a three-

over-par 74.

If he was cursing, the sound was drowned: the eighth at Troon is not only the shortest hole in Open golf but possibly the noisiest. Pilots taking off from Prestwick Airport seem to use the flag as a bearing, and as if that is not enough of a distraction the hole also has the Glasgow-Ayr railway line running alongside it. That had some of us wondering what the pre-electric age was like - until Colin Montgomerie kindly ar-rived to provide an illustration.

bogey in two holes and hissed off into the distance having banked up enough steam to peel the Postage Stamp and an alburn of first-day issues off their envelopes. The Flying Scotsman could not have gone by billowing more smoke.

Which made you also speculate what sort of mood Herman the German was in after being licked by the Postage Stamp in 1950. Tissies found a bunker on the left with his teeshot and was still making his acquaintances with the sand four shots later when his fifth finally got him out of the snare and into another sand trap on the

other side of the green. Again he needed more than one shot to escape, found a hillock as anger added over-emphasis to his efforts and two strokes later was back in the bunker where he began. His final tally at the hole was 15, a score that even Ian Baker-Finch

Postage Stamp let the field off lightly yesterday, although 49 players managed to drop shots there. No one could manage a hole in one, which added lustre to Gene Sarazen's achievement The great American failed to

Give or take the odd five the

qualify when the Open was held at Troon in 1923 and there were many who believed he should have stood aside for a younger man when he accepted an invitation to return to the course at the age of 71 in 1973.

He rammed those thoughts where they came from by hol-ing the eighth in one in the first round. "For many years the Postage Stamp had haunted me," Sarazen said afterwards. "I feared it... I felt there could be no better way to close the books on my tournament play."

The Postage Stamp closed no careers yesterday. It tempted

Taunted by Troon: two who suffered in the first round

As a member of Royal Troon, Colin Montgomerie is well aware of the old tradition of setting off early in the morning. playing the front nine, crossing over to the adjoining Prestwick course to complete 18 holes, lunching in the renowned clubhouse there, and then setting out on the return journey. Monty might have contemplated doing much the same yesterday, except replacing the last by continuing a routemarch

along the coast. A first-round 76. five over par. once more sees the Scot battling to avoid the cut in the Open, something he has failed to do on four of the last five occasions. This is nothing new to me." Europe's four-times No 1 conceded. "Whether I do well tomorrow or not, I'll come back from this. It won't hurt."

Montgomerie needs to reverse his opening rounds of 65-76 from the US Open. "I'm capable of doing that," he said. I just played particularly bad-

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ly today. In his wife's home town and at the club where his father retires as secretary in a month's time. Monty was welcomed on

Andy Farrell on the faltering

progress of the local favourite

Scottish favourite, Tom Watson, Immediately, Montgomerie pushed his tee shot, was over the green with his second and had to hole a five-footer for par. Montgomerie's form coming into the tournament was un-

questionable, capped by a 62 in the Irish Open. But more than his local knowledge, it was his noted straight driving that should have made him a contender on a course with fairways of single carriageway width. But fairways. At times he took irons off the tee for positional purposes and still missed the short grass. Meanwhile, Watson smote his driver to such an effect that the difference between their tee

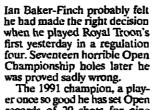
shots was over 100 yards. from Prestwick airport took one look at Monty and made a



Montgomerie: Only found three out of 14 fairways

two par-fives on the front nine. Monty went on a shocking run of seven bogeys in nine holes. Mostly these were caused by being on the right rough off the Monty hit only three out of 14 tee, his familiar push under pressure, but occasionally it was because he was in the left rough off the tee.

At the end, he stomped off to the clubhouse, but whereas in the past that would have been the last anyone would have At the sixth, a jumbo making seen of him, he lived up to a a low, slow, graceful take-off promise to explain himself after a short cooling-off period. He even managed to force a dogleg left, heading out over the smile when someone said he Atlantic. The captain was not a must have been pleased to par had judge. Having birdied the the last three holes.



Big Monty made a right hash

er once so good he has set Open records of 29 shots for nine holes at St Andrews and Royal Birkdale, was buried under the wreckage of a 21-over-par first round so embarrassing he

withdrew from the tournament immediately after completing it. "The hardest thing is being an Open champion and wanti-ng to do well," he said. "I don't want to give in but I don't think I should play tomorrow. The decision has been made." Royal Troon was not at its er-Finch gave the impression he

most benign yesterday but Bakcould not have found a fairway on an airless day with the aid of an electronic guidance system. He went out in 44, eight over par, which proved to be his halevon period because the back fore he was persuaded by oldnine was even worse. Three successive bogeys had

the 36-year-old Australian re-

Guy Hodgson on the Australian who quit after shooting a nightmare 92

from thick gorse on the 12th, the Fox. His inclination must have been to cry when that was followed by a double at the 15th and a treble at the par-five 16th, where he drove out of bounds. He dragged himself off the course with a score of 92 - the worst Open round since Guy McQuitty returned a 95 at Turnberry 11 years ago - his brave de-

cision to ignore his wretched form rendered utterly foolhardy. "You don't have an option but to complete the round," he said. You can' say to yourself 'Oh well, I'll walk in now' or something like that. You have to keep on going and just try your hardest. That's all I could do." Last year he played in the Open at Royal Lytham then went into semi-retirement beer memories and older friends

to give it a go this week.
"I don't regret the decision." duced to laughing at himself af- he said. "I played nicely in the ter he had to hack the ball out practice rounds. It wasn't too it is happening far too often.



champion shot a 92

much trouble, I thought I should go and do it."
Which was fine until the sixth where he found a bunker, fluffed a chip and got one of six double bogeys. "When you start bogeying or worse," he said, "you be gin to wonder what everyone is thinking. You start noticing the cameramen, all that stuff. It's hard to focus on the job when you're shooting horrendous like that.

"It gradually got worse. Ear-lier in the round I wasn't really playing that poorly, maybe a bad chip, one or two bad drives. Everything just went wrong. That can happen."

Unfortunately for Baker-Finch

TV TIMES

Moorcroft picks up athletics' poisoned chalice



Moorcroft: Pedigree as a

MIKE ROWBOTTOM Athletics Correspondent

If anyone can do something about the fragmented nature of British athletics then Dave Moorcroft, who was named yesterday as British athletics'

new chief executive, is the man. The 44-year-old former 5,000 metres world record holder, who fills the gap vacated by Peter Radford three months ago, has a deserved reputation as one of the nicest men in the sport. It was typical of him that after the official announcement was made in London, he planned to get back horne to Coventry for his regular Thursday night track ses with his 16-year-old son, Paul.

Moorcroft, however, stressed

that he would bring an underlying toughness to the £70,000 be liked by everybody, but I'd like veloping his role as a commentator for the BBC - a job he will a year job which he will take up on 1 October. He will need it Radford's period of office was blighted by losses of half a million pounds, a costly pay dispute with leading athletes including Linford Christie and Colin Jackson, and an on-going lawsuit by Diane Modahl who is seeking a

further £500,000 in damages

following her successful appeal

against a doping ban. There are extremely tough people who hide behind quiet exteriors and lots of people who give the impression of being tough but who have little substance," Moorcroft said. "I have a conviction of what I

sorship and television contracts. Communication was not think is the right way to do things. I do not believe I need to Radford's forte. Moorcroft, who has spent the last three years de-

termination I have shown in

other areas of my life will be there

while I do this job. I will take de-

over at the head of the newly

formed British Athletic Feder-

ation three years ago, found it

ultimately impossible to carry the

sport with him as he attempted

to professionalise the top level. Radford encountered increasing

animosity from the rank and file

of the sport, who felt he was con-

centrating on the élite at their ex-

pense. His efforts took place

amid falling revenue from spon-

His predecessor, who took

cisions and stand by them."

now give up - is patently a better performer in that area.

Asked to comment on the latest example of poor communication within the sport - the failure of selectors to inform the team captain, Roger Black, that he was not in the individual 400m team for the World Championships before he heard it from the media - Moorcroft said; "I think the decision the selectors came to was appropriate within their terms of reference. If there was a problem

it was the process beyond that."

Moorcroft also has a pedigree as a performer on the track, but what made him a favourite for a job that attracted 120 applicants was his proven ability as

for a number of years, he established a thriving community sports project - Centre AT7 in his home town of Coventry. More recently, he was appointed chairman of the company set up by the BAF to administer Na-

tional Lottery funding.
Moorcroft's role will differ from that of Radford's in that he will not be chairman of the management board. He will have the power to hire and fire, but will not be a selector. "He is a man who has the ability to bring this sport of ours together," the BAF chairman, Ken Rickhuss, said.

Moorcroft has regularly attended BAF endurance conferences in recent years, and has advised many athletes, including the world cross-country silver

regular basis, Malcolm Arnold the BAF chief coach, welcomed the appointment. "He's a good man, his heart and soul are in the sport," Arnold said.

"Dave is very popular, but that is not what is going to determine his success in the job. All parts of the sport have to down their axes and put their shoulder to the wheel Popularity is one thing Giving him a chance and assisting him is the real thing. Ultimately it is the people in the sport who will determine his success."

Radford's first major task in 1994 was to execute the dismissal of Andy Norman from his role as promotions officer of the BAF for inappropriate conduct following the charge that he had contributed to the sui-

an administrator. After teaching medallist Paula Radeliffe, on a cide of athletics writer Cliff Temple by making allegations of sexual harassment against him.

Moorcroft, a close friend of Temple, was a strong critic of Norman, calling for his dismissal. Norman, who has maintained a successful career as agent for leading athletes such as Jonathan Edwards and Kelly Holmes, was recently given a role advising Channel 4 on their coverage. Moorcroft's appointment is likely to limit his grow-ing influence in British athletics.

"My thoughts on Andy are well documented and go back a number of years," Moorcroft said. It is right that Andy no longer works for the federation. But it is equally right that people who choose to use his tal-

Ravanelli's pay packet sinks deal

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ALAN NIXON AND NICK DUXBURY

Fabrizio Ravanelli's wage demands have a habit of taking the breath away and the Middlesbrough striker yesterday left Everton choking on a request for £50,000 a week.

The pay hike from the £42,000 he is paid at Boro led Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, to pull down the shutters on a £7.5m transfer that would have saved Ravanelli from Nationwide League foothall, but ended up exasperating Everton supporters and officials.

On the day the club's coffers were enriched by a £2m, threevear sponsorship deal with a mobile phone company, nego-tiations with the Italian international failed to come up with the right numbers, with Everton reported to be offering only £25,000 a week.

I contacted Ravanelli's representative because we wanted to sort something out either way," Kendall said. "We put our offer to him and they came back and said 'no'. The terms were not agreeable. It's disappointing because we've gone so far, but we've got other targets and we'll start pursuing them."

He will not, however, be pursuing the Danish right-back, Thomas Rytter, while the Israeli captain, Tal Banin, has preferred Brescia to Goodison.

Bolton Wanderers have looked to Spain for more forward power and have offered £3m for the 24-year-old French joined Borussia last summer. international striker Nicolas Ouedec of Espanyol.

ter Stuart Pearce's sudden de-Nottingham Forest after 12 38,000 crowd.

years. "Any manager would like to have Stuart Pearce playing for them and I'm no different," the Forest manager said. "But he wants to be involved with England in the World Cup next summer and feels he needs to be playing his club football at the highest possible level."

The 35-year-old Pearce, who had three years remaining on a £12,000-per-week contract, has been given a free transfer. "Tve had 12 marvellous years which I wouldn't swap for anything but it's time for me to move on,'

Pearce's England team-mate, Matthew Le Tissier, will miss the start of the season, after breaking an arm in a friendly match in Germany. The Southampton striker fell awkwardly during the 1-1 draw with SVP Ansbach. "It's a terrible blow for Matt and for us," a Saints spokesman said.

Another absentee come August will be the Sunderland striker Craig Russell, who has had a hernia operation.

Sunderland will be a banned word around Alex Perguson should the First Division club sign the American striker Jovan Kirovski for £700,000 from Borussia Dortmund.

The Manchester Untied manager tried three times to get a work permit for Kirovski when he was at Old Trafford, where he was the reserves' top scorer two years running. Ferguson even made a trip to London to seek political help, but Kirovski, tipped as a new Mark Hughes, was not allowed to stay and

United opened their tour of the Far East with a 2-0 victory Dave Bassett's most pressing over a Thailand XI in Bangkok. A angled drive from Nicky Butt and a late own goal sealed cision to leave relegated United's success in front of a



Sarah Potton scythes through the water in heat two of the women's 400 metres individual medley at the Amateur Swimming Association's National Championships at Crystal Palace yesterday.

Karen Pickering, the former world short course champion, looked set to achieve the qualifying time for next month's European Championships in Seville after winning her heat. The 26-year-old from ipswich, forced the pace over the first 100 metres of her 200m freestyle heat in 58.88sec and finished in 2min 02.38sec.

Andrew Clayton, the British short course record holder, is another searching for an individual swim in Spain. In yesterday morning's heat he cruised to a 1:53,65 victory in the 200m freestyle heats but to clinch a place in Seville he has to shave more than three and a half seconds off that time and finish ahead of Gavin Meadows, the fastest qualifier, and James Salter, a member of the 4x 200m freestyle relay that finished fifth at last summer's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Stephen Parry, of Liverpool, caused the upset at

last April's European Championship trials when he beat the British record holder, James Hickman, in the 100 and 200m butterfly.

At Crystal Palace Parry was the quicker of the two swimmers in the 100m race. His time of 55.16sec was 0.83 ahead.

In third place was Mike Watkins of Torfaen, in 55.92sec, which took 0.04sec off the Welsh record he established two years ago.

Photograph: Robert Hallam

Agassi faces flak after falling to Flach

Andre Agassi's return after a 70day lay-off began inauspicious-ly when he lost 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 to the unseeded Doug Flach in the second round of the Legg Mason Classic in Washington DC on Wednesday.

Agassi, who had taken some time off to heal a wrist injury and to marry the actress Brooke Shields, looked sharp in the first set with a crackling serve and effective passing shots, but he then

eventually dropped the set when he double-faulted on break point in the ninth game. Agassi again took the early lead in the third set before Flach broke in the fifth and

ninth games. "I wasn't expecting a whole lot after not having played in a couple of months," said Agas-si, whose ranking has fallen from No 3 to No 31 in the past 12 months.

weakened. Agassi won an ear-ly break in the second set but After playing for just an hour ed the match. let down the middle that end-ed the match. cedes Cup in Stuttgart yester-day. A calf injury prevented I didn't expect my arm to feel as if it weighed 30 pounds. But all I can do at this point is take all I can do at this point is take been improving lately," said it one step at a time in getting Flach, who eliminated Agassi in back. Right now I'm having the first round at Wimbledon trouble beating Doug Flach, so last year. "In fact, my whole it's going to take some time."

> percentage of 46 per cent and was tournaments." guilty of 15 double-faults, in-cluding two on game points.
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> Flach, who has a ranking of
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> Another former Wimble-don champion, Boris Becker, and the French Open cham-

"I was pretty surprised myself

with those aces, but my serve has round match against the Spangame has picked up and I've Agassi had a poor first-serve won matches in my last three

don champion, Boris Becker, 174, had 10 aces, including four pion, Gustavo Kuerten, were an easy passage into the quar-"After a good start, I got a in a row at one stage and a bul- early casualties at the Mer-

Becker from starting his thirdish ninth seed, Albert Costa, while Kuerten had to retire in his match against the 10th seed, Felix Mantilla, in the first set because of continuing problems with a chest muscle.

The Brazilian eighth seed beld up his racket in surrender during the sixth game, when he was 4-1 down, giving Mantilla



backhand during his secondround exit in Washington after a two-month lay-off

Stalled move puts Prost in mood to quit

Motor racing

Alain Prost, the former world champion, has threatened to give up his Formula One team because of bureaucratic interference and political pressure. "All I care for is to win. If I'm

prevented from winning, I will draw all the necessary consequences," the Frenchman, head of the Prost grand prix team, told the French financial daily. Les Echos, yesterday.

Prost said he was angered by the delayed transfer of his team's headquarters from Mag-ny-Cours, site of the French Grand Prix for the past decade, to Versailles, near Paris.

The move set off a political controversy. The Magny-Cours area is dominated by the ruling Socialist party while Versailles is a traditional stronghold of the right, who support the French president, Jacques Chirac. Magny-Cours, a small vil-

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lage near Nevers in central France, has been the home of the Ligier team which Prost bought at the start of this season from the Benetton chief, Flavio Briatore. Prost said: "It was a busi-

nessman's decision [to leave Magny-Cours]. Looking back, you'll realise Ligier were not ef-ficient enough. It had nothing to do with their very competent staff but it was due to their isolation."

American football Riq Ayub, the Great Britain Lions' coach, blamed lack of fitness, poor preparation and a fear of the big occasion for his team's semi-final defeat in the European Championships. The U-ons lost 24-6 to Finland, the holders, in Bolzano, Italy, and must now beat the host nation tomorow if they are to claim third place in the supert

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Stella Kostadinova, the world high jump record holder, is out of next month's World Championships in Athens. Bulgaria's Olympic champion has a badly brused heel.

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Britain and tretand bowed out of the men's team epée event at the World Championships in Cape Town in the second round yesterdey. After beating Ecuador 48-15 and Croette 45-38 respectively, they lost 45-24 to Hungary and 45-18 to Cuba. Football

Nildas Gudmundsson is set to return home to Sweden after Blockburn agreed a fee of 5300,000 with Malmin. Gudmundsson joined Rovers 18 months ago but made only one first-beam start.

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Mike Golding has secured continued backing from his Group 4 sponsor to enter both the 1998-9 Around Alone and 1990-2000 Vendée Globe single-backed secured traces. Two firsts yesterday pulled Nick Rogers and Steve Irish up to fourth place in the gold fleet of the 470 European Championship at Nieuwpoort, Belgium, behind Portugal's Roche and Barreto, France's Philipe and Canou and Brastavets and Mapvienko of the Ukraine.

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Carl Prean, the England No 3, has moved up two places in the latest men's world rankings yesterday. The 29-year-old is now 36th and the highest-ranked English player. Lisa Lomas is again the highest-ranked English player despite dropping one place to No 73.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

PRESIDELY MATCHES: Bray Wanderers v Po-terborough (7.45); Cobh Rambless v Darling-ton (7.30); Galway Utd v Futham (7.30); Newpaste Town v Duord Utd (7.30); Pymouth v QPR (7.45); Sharmock Rovers v St. John-stone (7.0); Si Pottneis Athletic v Celtic 17.45). TEX United v Critornelle (7.0); Torport v Laces-ter (7.45); Winsford Utd v Stoke (7.30); Wycombe v Aston Villa (7.45) (Yeord v Sufn-don (3.0); Macclesfield v Manchester Cry (7.30); Southport v Preston (7.45).

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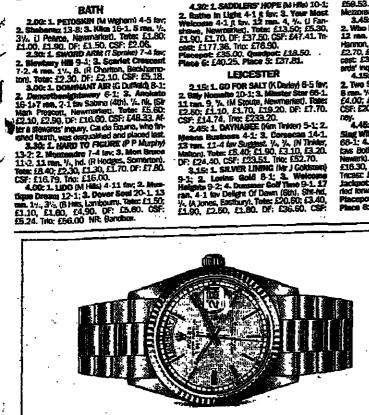
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THE 126th OPEN: Outsiders Clarke and Furyk head the leaderboard as the favourites feel the full force of a windy links



All eyes are on Tiger Woods as he plays his second shot on the third hole at Royal Troon yesterday, hitting out of the long grass on his way to a one-over par 72

Woods warms up as rivals feel chill

ANDY FARRELL reports from Royal Troon

For all the hot air of the practice days, it was a cool breeze ings yesterday. The leaderboard was meant to be filled with those at the top of the game's ladder.

instead the Open reverted to type and gave us Darren Clarke and Jim Furyk at four under.

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The favourites were scattered. But with two birdies in his last three holes, Tiger Woods managed to leave the 18th with a smile and a 72, one over par. A gallery of 31,000 was here to see the 21-year-old phenomeuon, which was only some 3,000

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ago. "A 72 is still in the ballstill in touch and if the weather stays like this, it is going to

The defending champion, Tom Lehman, came home in 40 Ernie Els had a 75 and local hero Colin Montgomerie a 76. "Jeez, this game can drive you insane sometimes," Els said.

Only nine of the first 123 players broke the par of 71. At two under, Greg Norman had been happy to get to the clubhouse early on and he was joined by the Americans Fred Couples and Justin Leonard. Bernhard Langer had a double-bogey at the last for a 72, while Nick Faldo, after a run of seven consecutive pars, birdied the last to get in at level par.

terms with dealing with the wind on links courses. He hit a 435-yard drive at the fourth, and found greenside bunkers at the 364-yard first - where Tommy it was even b Tolles did manage to scatter on the card." those putting ahead, and holed the 402-yard seventh, but he also had to hit a four-iron from 165

vards at the last. The distractions of a few camera clicks was nothing compared with Troon's back nine, likened by Tom Watson to coming up against Woods' hero, the basketball star Michael

Jordan. At the 11th, where Jack Nicklaus had an 11 in his first Open in 1962. Woods took a seven. He drove into the gorse on the right and had to take a penalty drop before only managing to move

Woods is still coming to his two-iron third 120 yards. "I had my problems but I managed to rectify them," the Masters champion said. "One over par was not bad today and it was even better with a seven

> For most of the day, those only had figures up for the first few holes. Clarke, a 28-year-old Ulsterman who plays his golf at Royal Portrush and will be making his Ryder Cup debut in September, and the American Furyk, 27, managed to hang on despite both bogeying the last in their 67s.

> The highlight of Clarke's round was holing a 70-foot putt from the edge of the 11th green. To make a three felt like an eagle," he said of the hole which was a par-five in previous

Clarke was glued to the Open on television as a youngster, but Furyk is still learning the links game. He is a quick learner, since he shot an 85 on his first outward half playing downwind venture last year at Carnoustie.

"I have been successful in Hawaii and in Texas when it has been windy, but I'm not one of those people who would want it to really blow tomorrow," he

said. While the US Masters sometimes indulges in the sneaky tac-tics of shaving the greens and forgetting to water them on a inesday evening once everyone has completed their practice rounds, the natural elements, in the form of a

switch in the direction of the

wind, produced a completely different golf course yesterday This was the true Troon, the

and the back nine playing longer than War and Peace. "I He has a swing as unorthodox as that of Eamonn Darcy and hit more long irons on those on the US PGA Tour," said Watson, who went out in three under and came back in three over. "This course is like playing the Chicago Bulk: you know at the end of the game they're going to be coming back at you. The back nine is like Michael Jordan when he gets mad and

> puts on quite a show." Nicklaus, now 57, achieved the rare feat of playing the in-ward balf in the level-par score of 35. "There are about six parfives on the back nine," the Bear said. "At least, there were six

fours range in length from 431 yards to 465 yards, but the fact that a two-iron needs to be

ing up birdies on the opening segment, no one beat Fred Couples' score of 31, five under, to the turn. The three birdies that did not come at the par-fives were achieved by using his sand wedge for his approach shots. "I'm thrilled with the round," said the American who was sixth here in 1989. "But I could easily shoot

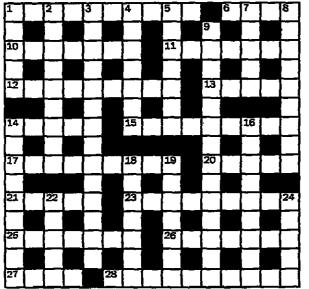
anything tomorrow. It has been a difficult year for Couples, despite he fact that he started it in fine form. At the US Masters, he recorded his seventh top-10 finish in eight tour-

naments, but has only played "He went through chemotherapy, but it did not work," Couples said. "But his blood count is getting better and so he can

start to get a little stronger. His preparation for the US Open included a month off in which he went to Switzerland and popped in on the French Open - the tennis, that is, "I don't like playing when I can't see where the ball is going. There was nothing really to play for. I have a lot of confidence, though, and as long as you don't lose that, all you need is a few days playing to feel good about my game."

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THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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Stricker no longer feeling stricken

over-par 72 for the American Steve Stricker at the Open vesterday, but did little to lessen his conviction that he is on the way back.

After two titles and seven top 10 finishes in 1996, Stricker has been far less successful so far

Coal Valley, Illinois, convinced him he was now returning to

"My problem was that I was trying to get used to some new equipment." Stricker said after his opening round. "I then had a loss of confidence but now it's a little."

A double-bogey, bogey finish in 1997. But a seventh place at coming around. I'm driving a lot turned a potential 69 into a one-last week's Quad City Classic at better and my confidence is up

"After that it was disappointing to finish that way, considering I played pretty good throughout the rest of the round. To finish three over on the last two holes kind of hurts



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